

The Sermon on the Mount 14 – The Wide and Narrow Gates

Matthew 7:13-23

A study of the destiny that awaits those who live for the kingdom and that which awaits those who live for themselves.

Luke 4:21

Matthew 5:17-18

Matthew 25:21

Part 1 – TWO PATHS – The Wide Gate and the Narrow Gate

13-14 “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. 14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

Romans 7:22-23

Galatians 6:7-10

Psalm 16:11

Part 2 – TREES AND FRUIT – We cannot produce what we do not have

15-20: Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

Psalm 1:3

Deuteronomy 13:1-3

Jeremiah 14:14

Ezekiel 22:27

Acts 20:29

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2 Peter 2:1-3

Part 3 – I NEVER KNEW YOU – It is relationship to Christ that counts

21-23 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

Ephesians 2:10

Acts 5:1-11

Acts 8:20-21

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Next week: Build Your House on the Rock” Matthew 7:24-27

Questions:

1. How are the two houses similar? How are they different?
2. Why can it be difficult to tell the difference?
3. What might be meant by the word “storms”?
4. What did the storms reveal that wasn’t previously seen?
5. Think of some storms in your life.
6. If you are interested, consider doing a word search through the Bible for “rock.” You can also do a similar study for the word “storm.”
7. How has this study impacted your life?
8. Do you remember any specific stories or passages that have influenced you?