

Mt.7.13-14 “WHICH WAY TO HEAVEN?”
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Jesus now gives the call to decide now about becoming a citizen of God’s kingdom & inheriting **eternal** life or remaining a citizen of this fallen world & receiving **damnation**.

The most critical of all decisions is about Jesus Christ & His kingdom.

In perfect **harmony** with His absolute sovereignty, God has always allowed men to choose Him or not,

There have always been but two systems of religion in the world.

- ✚ One is God’s system of divine **accomplishment** –
- ✚ The other is man’s system of human **achievement**.

The law given through Moses, was a means of showing man’s **need** for salvation (Ro.3.20).

Man has invented new religions:

- that accommodated his **shortcomings** &
- that were humanly **achievable**.

Jesus repeatedly points out two things:

- the necessity of choosing whether to **follow** God or not, &
- the fact that the **choices** are two & only two.

In all preaching there must be the demand for a **verdict**.

I. THE TWO GATES

The command is not to **admire** or to consider the **gate** but to **enter** it.

Jesus pleads for men to enter the **right gate**, God’s gate, the only gate that leads to **life** & to heaven.

By claiming that Christ is the only way to God, we proclaim God’s revelation of **truth**.

God’s gate is the gate of **self-denial**, through which one cannot carry baggage.

The issue with the young ruler was very simply a matter of **lordship**.

The mark of a child is **dependency**, for everything he has (Mt.18.3).

Easy believism is not **scriptural** believism.

The **narrow gate** demands **repentance**.

The repentant life will be a **changed** life.

CONCLUSION:

Those who preach a Gospel of self-indulgence preach an utterly different Gospel than Jesus preached.