

“Two Ways to Two Places”
Matthew 7:13-14

Jesus now gives the call to decide 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.

I. THE TWO GATES

The **narrow gate** demands **REPENTANCE**.

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

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**.

II. Two WAYS

The way that is **broad** is the...way of the **WORLD**.

The way that is **narrow**, however, is the **HARD** way,

The kingdom is for those who come to the King;

- + in **POVERTY** of spirit,
- + mourning over their **SIN**, &
- + hungering and thirsting for His **RIGHTeousNESS** to replace their own (5.3–4, 6).

III. Two DESTINATIONS

Every religion except Christianity, follows the same spiritual way & leads to the same spiritual end, to **HELL**. Not a single one leads where it promises; & not a single one fails to lead where Jesus says it leads...

... to **DESTRUCTION** (total **RUIN** & **LOSS** (3.12; 18.8; 25.41, 46; II Th.1.9; Jude 6–7).

- + It is not the complete loss of being, but the complete loss of **WELL**-being.
- + It is the destination of all religions except the **WAY** of Jesus Christ, &
- + It is the destiny of all those who follow any way but **HIS**.

But God’s way, leads to eternal **life**, & everlasting heavenly **FELLOWSHIP**

Everlasting **life** is a **QUALITY** of life, the life of **GOD** in the soul of man (Ps.17.15).

IV. Two GROUPS

Those who go in through the **wide gate** & travel the way that is **broad** toward the destination of **destruction** are **MANY**.

Every **PERSON** ... who has not come to saving **OBEDIENCE** to Jesus Christ.

- + There is no **LIMIT** to the number who could go through that gate,
 - ❖ if they go through in **GOD’S** way,
 - ❖ in **REPENTANCE** for their sins &
 - ❖ in **TRUST** in Jesus Christ to save them.

Every person who *will* come to Jesus Christ *can* come to Jesus Christ. *“All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out,”* Jesus assures us. *“For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day”* (Jn.6.37, 40)