

Mt.7.13-14 "TWO GROUPS FOLLOWING TWO WAYS TO TWO PLACES"

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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.

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.

I. THE TWO GATES

The narrow gate demands repentance.

The repentant life will be a changed life.

II. Two WAYS

The narrow way is the way of the godly, & the broad way is the way of the ungodly (Ps.1.2–4).

The way that is broad is the...way of the world.

- Sin is tolerated,
 - ✓ truth is moderated, &
 - ✓ humility is ignored.
- God's Word is praised but
 - ✓ not studied, &
- His standards are admired but
 - ✓ not followed.

The way that is narrow, however, is;

- the hard way,
- the demanding way,
- the way of self-denial &
- the cross.

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).

God's way of salvation is remarkably simple, but it is not easy.

We can pay nothing for salvation, yet coming to Jesus Christ costs everything we have. (Lk.14.26).

The person who says yes to Christ must say no to the things of the world,

When we identify ourselves with Jesus Christ we declare war on the devil.

With the warnings about suffering the Lord:

- ❖ ...also gives promises that our hearts will rejoice (Jn.16.22b) &
- ❖ ...that we are to take courage because He has overcome the world (16.33b). But...
- ❖ He promises to enable us to prevail over those times of suffering, not to escape them.