

The Narrow Gate

“We Are at War”

**1. We have an enemy that we've never faced before –
Ourselves**

1. We can't trust the media

2. We can't make it some form of addiction

3. Our children are being seduced

4. A new version of grace grants us to live a double life.

5. We've removed the Holy Spirit from Our Churches.

7. Satan is declaring war: Fighting among ourselves,

John 10:10

The most important plan of evil is chaos & strife

Galatians 3:13-14 NIV

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.” 14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

“I can’t flirt with the evil that slew my best friend Jesus! I must be holy for His sake. How can I like in sin when He has died to save me from it” Charles Spurgeon

God will not allow sin to go unpunished

Judges 2:10 ESV

10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

Matthew 7: 13 – 29

True and False Disciples NIV

21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does (On going behavior) the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22

Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons, and in your name, perform many miracles?’ 23

Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

The Wise and Foolish Builders

24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. **27** The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” **28** When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, **29** because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

2 Duel realities of Heaven & Earth

2 gates – wide & narrow

2 ways - Broad & Difficult

2 destinations – Eternal Life & Destruction

2 crowds – Many & few

2 animals – sheep & wolves

2 fruits – good & bad

3 trees – good tree & corrupt / Calvary

2 behaviors – sayers & doers

2 builders – wise & foolish

2. Not everyone is going to Heaven.

God's Will / His Word

Love God, keep His word, have a relationship, do good works out of a relationship with Him, Depend on Jesus Grace and not your works.

Eph. 5:17

Do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is.

1 Peter 3:17

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

1 Thess. 4:3

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexually immorality.

Hebrews 10:36

For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what is promised.

Psalm 143:10

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground

2 Behaviors: Sayers & Doers

Vs 21 The one who does – On-going behavior

Vs 22 The one who says – Lord we did many wonderful things in your name

Vs 23. He said to them plainly. I never knew you, away from me you evil doers.

2 Builders: Wise & Foolish

Vs 24 Hears these words of mine and puts to practice is wise.

Vs 26 Hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is foolish.

2 Foundations: Rock & Sand

(Wheat & Tare – it will be tried)

2 Houses: One stood & one fell

Built their house in same place, same way Vs 24 Wise man built his house of the rock Vs Foolish man built his house on the sand.

Trouble Comes against both Wise and foolish:

Vs 25 & 27

The rain came down The streams arose

The winds blew and beat against the house

Vs 25 The storm came and beat against the house of the wise man and it did not fall.

Vs The storm came and beat against the house of the foolish man and it fell with a great crash.

3. You want be able to tell the difference until the storm comes.

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46 “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? 47 As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. 48 They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. 49 But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

4. God is fighting for you, but do you know your assignment?

John 6:40 ESV

40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

Titus 3:4-7 ESV

4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Philippians 1:6 ESV

6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.