

Two Roads, Two Trees, Two Houses

Matthew 7:13-29

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TWO ROADS

Matt. 7:13-14

13 You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose the easy way. 14 But the gateway to life is small, and the road is narrow, and only a few ever find it.

There are **NOT** many roads to heaven—just one. There are not many good religions— just one. Man cannot come to God in a way he decides is OK—only in the way God provided.

Ironically, there is a sign above the gate to both of these roads---on the narrow road is the sign, "This way to Heaven!" and the sign above the wide road -- "This way to Heaven!"

TWO TREES

16 You can detect them by the way they act, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit. You don't pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles.

17 A healthy tree produces good fruit, and an unhealthy tree produces bad fruit. 18 A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. 19 So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. 20 Yes, the way to identify a tree or a person is by the kind of fruit that is produced. Matthew 7:16-20

The primary purpose of a fruit tree is to bear fruit!

TWO HOUSES

24 Anyone who listens to my teaching and obeys me is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. 25 Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse, because it is built on rock. 26 But anyone who hears my teaching and ignores it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. 27 When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will fall with a mighty crash."

Matt 7:24-27

Who is the wise man? The one who listens to Jesus and obeys Him.
Who is the foolish man? The one who hears the teachings of Christ & ignores it!
What does the house represent? Your life.

Memory Verse: John 9.25 *Then He answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."*

John 9.25 (NASB)

Barb Albers: Prayer if it is right timing for my son & I to get accepted for independent living apartments that are opening up.

David Dickinson: Continued prayers for the healing of my heart.

Megan Drury: Protection over pregnancies-Kruegers, Grudzinskis, Schroeders & Berns. Hope for the Poes following the loss of their baby. Comfort for my grandma she was placed on hospice care.

Shannon Hammons: Praise God Winky had a good post radiation CT report. Pray the lung nodules shrink away.

Natalie Hershberger: Pray for our son Wil Hershberger & his upcoming surgery 10/26-safety during the surgery & a successful recover.

Sheryl Holloway: My health. Niece Nicole-pregnancy. Salvation-Sandy, Dan.

B.K.: We're trusting God for a reliable job.

Gary Leyden: Continued prayer for Pastor Steve.

Suzie Nungesser: Prayers for Jada & Javon-protection, provision & discernment. Prayers for my brother Tony & his family.

Carolyn Potts : Prayers continue for Pastor Steve. Praises for Cleve being here!

Tony Prochot: Brother Jim-cancer healing. Joe-recovery from stem cell transplant. Nyla-breast cancer. Nancy-stage 3 cervical cancer. Sandra-new job. Scottie-depression. Imlinson family-death of sister.

Amy Rogers: Gloria Cejka.

Doug Shockley: Mom, Doug: dementia. Tony, Shane, Ryan, Joel-salvation.

Rebekah Shultz: Praying for Steve's infection & healing. My mom has battled cancer for years & father-in-law lost his wife to brain cancer 1 ½ years ago.

Christine Stanley: Pray cancer doesn't return for Cheryl or Karen & their health.

Tanya Strayer: Continue to pray for peace, wisdom & strength for my son & I as we navigate some heavy challenges right now.

Chuck Thiele: For my kids & grandkids. 3 of my grandkids let me pray for them, praise God He is moving! Katy-a woman who argued about the things of God, I refused to compromise & believe she left with thoughts of scripture to reflect on.