

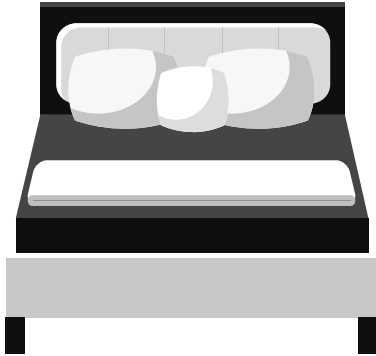
WEEK SEVEN

Gates *and* Ground

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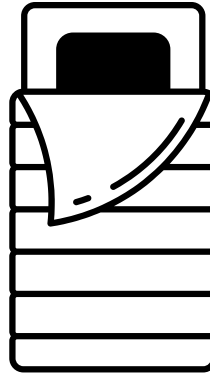
1. Gates

- Which would you prefer?



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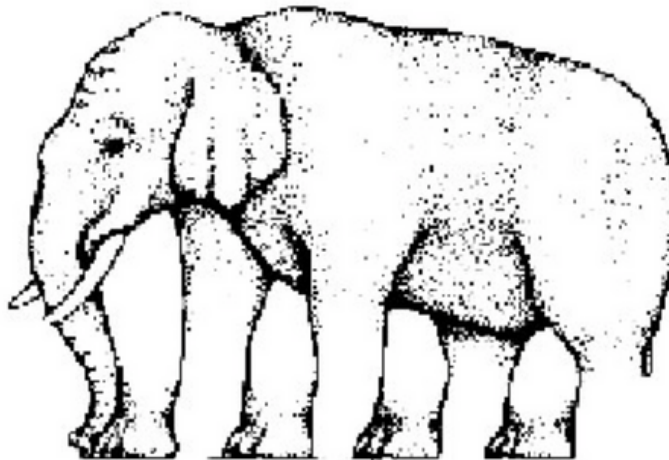
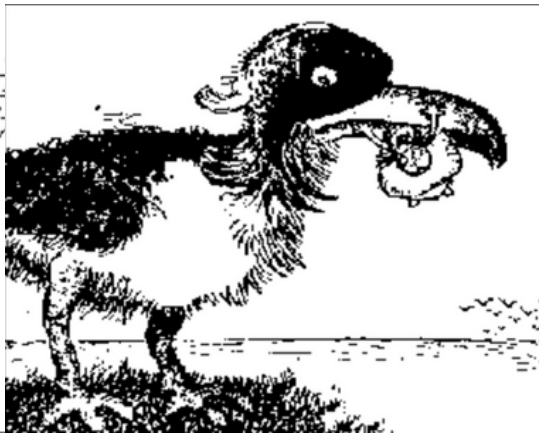
Sleeping Bag

- Here at the end of the sermon are smoe additional paradoxical _____.
- Here Jesus will say, the wide, comfy, and easy is _____ the best way to go.

Matthew 7:13-14

[13] "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. [14] For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. (ESV)

- Jesus is saying what the _____ will never tell you.
- He is saying, "Take the path of _____ resistance.
- Outer righteousness is _____, but in the end it leads to destruction. Inner-outer righteousness is _____, but in the end it leads to life.
- Outer righteousness may look like the right way to go, but looks can be deceiving.



- Notice how there is not a “find” clause for the wide and easy way in verse 13. This is because no one finds this way; we are all _____ into it.
- In a similar way that we should beware of which way we are taking, we need to beware of who our _____ are.

Matthew 7:15-20

[15] “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. [16] You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? [17] So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. [18] A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. [19] Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. [20] Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. (ESV)

NOTES:

Galatians 5:19-21

[19] Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, [20] idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, [21] envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (ESV)

- Jesus says, "Neither will those who _____ them."

Matthew 7:21-23

[21] "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. [22] On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' [23] And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' (ESV)

Galatians 5:22-24

[22] But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. [24] And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (ESV)

- Listen to Jesus and those who "teach what accords with _____ doctrine."

2. Ground

James 1:21-25

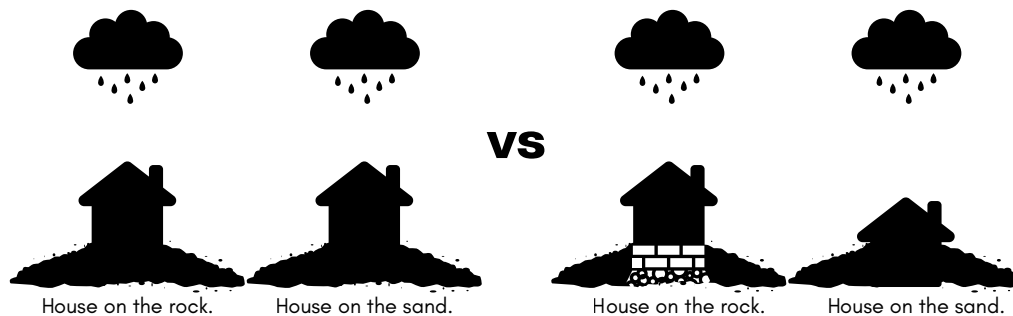
[21] Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls...

NOTES:

[22] But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. [23] For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. [24] For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. [25] But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. (ESV)

Matthew 7:24-27

[24] “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. [25] And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. [26] And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. [27] And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” (ESV)



- At this intersection of the redemptive story of Israel and Greco-Roman virtue...

“The [Sermon on the Mount] is a road map that marks out the narrow path that leads to life in God’s kingdom. Those who ignore the map do so to their own peril.”

–Charles Quarles

- May we, like the crowd, not only be “astonished at his teaching” (7:28-29), but _____ by it.

HOMEWORK:
ANSWER THE REFLECTION
QUESTIONS BELOW.

Go to your class reading plan on page 4. Read the assigned Scriptures and write any observations below.

"In what ways does my life show that I am walking the narrow path and building on the solid foundation of Jesus' words, rather than following the crowd or settling for mere religious appearance?"

- **Seminary+ students, read *An Introduction to Biblical Ethics* - Chapter 7-9: The First Table of the Law, The Second Table of the Law, and Conclusion.**

One of the best ways to retain what you're learning is to tell it to someone else. Share with someone what you are learning in this class. Also, make sure that you continue reading your Bible throughout this class. Let this supplement your time in the Word, not replace it. For a plan and help go to C3Rowlett.com/resources. Thank you for taking this class! GITKOG&BF.

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