

## I. Two Pathways to Consider (13-14)

A. Jesus releases an invitation to life (13a) – “Enter by the narrow gate...”

B. Jesus describes the pathway to destruction (13b) – “For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.”

C. Jesus details the pathway of eternal life (14) – “For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”

## II. Two Leaders to Consider (15)

A. Their existence - “Beware of false prophets...”

B. Their deception - “...who come to you in sheep’s clothing...”

C. Their appetite - “...but inwardly are ravenous wolves.” **They view the sheep as consumables**

## III. Two Trees to Consider (16b-20)

A. Jesus gives us a principle (16-17) - ““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.”

B. Jesus gives us a proclamation (18) - “A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit.”

**Proverbs 20:11 – “Even a child makes himself known by his acts, by whether his conduct is pure and upright.”**

C. Jesus gives us a promise (19) - “Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

D. Jesus gives us a perception (20) - “Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.”

## IV. Two Trusts to Consider (21-23)

A. Counterfeit faith often includes a casual confession (21a) - ““Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven...”

B. Counterfeit faith dismisses obedience to God (21b) - “...but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.”

C. Counterfeit faith characterizes many involved in God’s work (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?’”

D. Counterfeit faith is absent of relationship with Christ (23a) - “And then will I declare to them, I never knew you...”

E. Counterfeit faith results in eternal separation from God (23) - “...depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’...”