



**Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve!**  
**Matthew 7:13-20**

- 1) There are only two paths to choose (7:13-14)
  - a) The narrow gate leads to eternal life
    - i) A small gate, or “door” (cf. John 10:7, 9)
    - ii) Few go through this gate (Rev. 7:9; cf. 19:1, 6)
  - b) The broad gate that leads to eternal destruction (cf. 2 Thess. 1:9)
    - i) A wide path of legalism and liberalism
    - ii) Many enter through this gate
  - c) There is no neutral gate
- 2) There are prophets and preachers advocating for both paths (7:15-20)
  - a) Beware of false prophets (cf. 1 John 4:1)
    - i) Wolves that dress like sheep
    - ii) They fail to preach God’s Word
    - iii) Their character will expose them
    - iv) They will eventually be burned like firewood
  - b) Look for true prophets
    - i) They preach God’s Word accurately
    - ii) They live consistently with what they preach
    - iii) They boldly call sinners to repentance
    - iv) Those they teach are gentle, humble, and pious
- 3) Whom will you serve?
  - a) Choose life and blessings (Deut 30:19; Josh 24:15)
  - b) Strive to enter! (Luke 13:24)
  - c) Christ is the only way (John 14:6; cf. Acts 4:12)
  - d) Take up your cross, follow Christ daily (Mark 8:34)
  - e) Love God with everything you have (Deut. 6:4-5)