

The Narrow Way
Matthew 7:13-29
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Main Point:

There are two roads in life; make sure you are on the one that leads to eternal life by accompanying your faith with true obedience.

1. The road that leads to eternal life is one of obedience. (vv. 13-14)

2. You will face opposition on the road that leads to eternal life. (vv. 15-20)

3. It is possible to think you are on the road that leads to eternal life when you are not. (vv. 21-23)

4. Make sure you are on the road that leads to eternal life by accompanying your faith with true obedience. (vv. 24-29)

Quotations and Cross-References

John Legg “Going through the narrow gate and along the narrow road is the same as taking up one’s cross (daily) and following Jesus ... [It is] denying self and submitting to the Lordship of Christ.”

James 2:14-18 ¹⁴ What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit? ¹⁷ Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. (NKJV)

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones “I do not save myself by entering in at the ... [narrow] gate, but by doing so I announce the fact that I am saved.”

Sinclair Ferguson “No believer ever escapes from Satan without him seeking either to recapture him, or to have vengeance on Christ by hindering his spiritual progress. [And] one of the ways in which he does this is through the influence of ‘false prophets’ ...”

Jeremiah 14:14 ¹⁴ And the LORD said to me, "The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart. (NKJV)

Jeremiah 23:17 ¹⁷ They [false prophets] continually say to those who despise Me, "The LORD has said, "You shall have peace"; And *to* everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, "No evil shall come upon you." (NKJV)

Joshua 1:8 ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it ... (ESV)

John Legg “We ... must check whether we are producing fruits in keeping with our professed repentance and faith. To do this we must resist the temptation to write off obedience to Christ’s teaching as legalism and take seriously every word of this most wonderful of sermons.”