

Sermon Notes

Decision Time: it's Either/Or, Not a Bit of Both

Matthew 7:13-29

Intro: Jesus, do we really have to choose? Isn't there a third way?

1. Two Paths: which way of life will you choose?

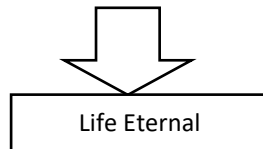
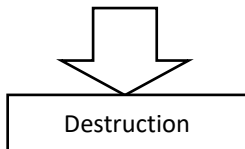
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Entry: Wide (popular, default)

v Narrow (unpopular minority)

Way: Easy (go with flow, do whatever) v

Hard (against tide with Jesus)



2. Two Trees: which voice will you listen to?

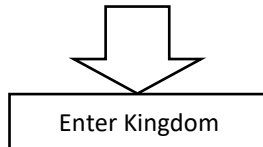
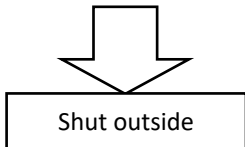
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Do not judge by:

- Outward appearance (15)
- Claims to follow Jesus (21)
- Even mighty miracle works (22)

But instead by:

- The fruit of their life (16-20)
- Obedience to God (21)
- Personally known by Jesus (23)

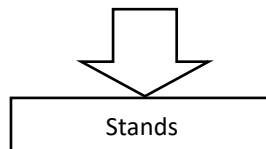
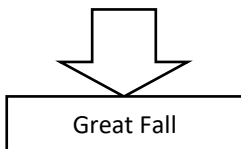


3. Two Foundations: what will you build your life on?

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Easier life now (sand building)

Harder life now (rock building)



Conclusion: Which will it be, what will we do with Jesus' words?