

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

January 23, 2022

Sermons from the Sermon - Lesson 12 A Choice of Journey (Matthew 7:13-14)

We continue our series from the Sermon on the Mount called *Sermons from the Sermon* by moving into the last major section of the sermon in chapter seven. The hallmark of this section is that it includes a series of warnings all offered in pairs:

- Two Gates / Ways (7:13-14)
- Two Trees (7:15-20)
- Two Claims (7:21-23)
- Two Foundations (7:24-27)

All these warnings / pairs ultimately deal with the Kingdom of Heaven, righteousness, a choice, and eternal judgment. This morning we will begin by looking at the warning regarding two gates and two ways found in verses 13 and 14. This warning provides us with a choice of what journey we are going to take in this life.

Questions About the Choice

(1) What is the wide gate / easy way?

Putting faith in _____ - Choosing human nature

(2) What is the narrow gate / hard way?

Putting faith in _____ - Choosing genuine righteousness

(3) Why is the wide gate/way easy and enticing? Why do many enter or follow?

It is easy because it is simply following _____ and requires little work. We do not have to submit to another to follow this way or to change our way of thinking.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Youth Area-wide Service at Clarksville Christian School, Jan 30th at 5:00

It is enticing because the world (Satan), and our nature, tells us it is the way to _____, _____, and _____ (This is a lie) – Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

(4) What things make the narrow gate hard to enter and the narrow way hard to travel? Why do few enter or follow?

_____ – Going against human nature. Following the narrow way demands a renouncement of the things that man holds most dear, and a love for the things that man hates. (Luke 14:25-33)

_____ – Going against the grain of society. The world will always be offended by genuine righteousness. (Matthew 5:10-12, 44, 10:16-39, 11:11-12, 24:4-13; Acts 14:22; 2 Timothy 3:10-13; James 1:2-12)

(5) Where does the wide gate / way lead?

_____ (Matthew 25:31-46; 1 Timothy 6:9)

Wide - Just because the many do it doesn't make it right (Exodus 23:2)

Easy - Just because it seems right to me doesn't make it right (Judges 21:25; Proverbs 14:12)

(6) Where does the narrow gate / way lead?

_____ (James 1:12; 2 Timothy 4:6-8)

PRAYER LIST

- **Freddie Brown** is being treated for liver cancer
- **John Hayes** is recovering well at home
- **Pat Agee**, Tim's father, is making great progress after his stroke
- **Isabel Johnson**, 16-year-old friend of the Agees with leukemia, has had to postpone her stem cell transplant due to covid
- **Jim Sims** continues to deal with cancer
- Continue to remember **Kristine Garrett, Faye Waller, and Ann Reed**

SERVING TODAY (January 23, 2022)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Read: E. Walker
Prayer: M. Reed

WORSHIP

Read: J. Walker
Wait On Table: R. Mayo
Serve: D. Demonbreun, S. Shatto
Prayer: L. Gregory