

Two Ways

TEXT: Matthew 7:13,14; Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1:1-6

SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: Psalm 37:1-11; Proverbs 14:12

KEY VERSE: Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat. — Matthew 7:13

There are but two ways—right and wrong, good and evil—the way to Heaven and the way to Hell. We are all walking in one way or the other; there is no middle way now and no middle place hereafter. The difference between the saint and sinner, the godly and ungodly, is revealed by the way in which they walk. The narrow way leads to life, and the broad way leads to destruction.

1. In Luke 13:24 Jesus encouraged His listeners to “strive to enter in at the strait [confined or narrow] gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.” Immediately preceding this statement, one had asked a question of the Lord. Write the question and explain Christ’s response.

2. Why is no sin allowed on the narrow way? Use Deuteronomy 25:16, Isaiah 59:2, and 1 John 3:8 to support your answer.

3. Galatians 5:19-21 lists characteristics found in the lives of those on the broad way. Identify three of these characteristics that you are aware of in the world today and be prepared to cite specific examples.

4. As we travel through life, there are many temptations that would draw us to the broad way. How can we best resist these allurements?

5. The first Psalm contrasts the two ways—godly versus ungodly. What is the delight of the godly, according to the Psalmist?

6. Staying in the right way will take effort. What can we do to improve the quality of our devotions?

7. According to Psalm 1:1, what three things are to be avoided by the one who wants to be blessed? State in your own words what these mean.

8. Moses set before the people a choice between life and good, and death and evil. Today, man is offered the same choice. If one decides he doesn't want either the narrow way or the broad way, what is his alternative?