

Series: Sermon on the Mount
Choosing the Right Kingdom
Matthew 7:13-28

Introduction

There is a mistaken assumption by many that all religious roads lead to heaven. Sadly, Hell will be populated by many religious people, not just atheists, and agnostics.

- 1 The scribes and Pharisees taught that the Jews were the heart and _____ of God's Kingdom.
- 2 In this great Sermon on the Mount, Jesus contrasts His Kingdom with that of contemporary _____.
- 3 Jesus challenges the people to contemplate their eternal destiny, bringing them to the point of _____.
- 4 It is not just enough to hear the words of Jesus; we must _____ upon them.
- 5 Jesus challenges His audience with the _____ every person must make.

I. The Two Gates (7:13-14)

- 6 Amazingly, Jesus cautions his listeners to turn away from current mainstream Judaism to enter His Kingdom because the nation has lost its way _____.
- 7 Jesus makes it clear that those who _____ citizenship in His Kingdom are different from the citizens of this worldly kingdom.
- 8 Jesus narrows the most crucial choice in life down to

_____!

- 9 Christianity rests upon Christ's atoning work on the _____ as the only sufficient means of salvation.
- 10 The narrow way is the way that leads to _____ life, and the gate is the Lord Jesus Himself.
- 11 Entrance into the Kingdom of God requires _____ in Jesus Christ as God's Messiah and our Savior.
- 12 Jesus said the gate is _____ because we must narrow all our options to one.
- 13 Salvation is a personal act of _____.
- 14 Citizens of God's Kingdom choose to trust in Jesus as the Son of God, who gives us His _____.
- 15 To journey the broad road and enter through the wide gate will lead you to the way of _____.

II. The Two Guides (7:15-23)

- 16 Many godless guides would like to lead you to the _____ gate and the way which leads to destruction.
- 17 False prophets are particularly dangerous because they appear to be _____.
- 18 Jesus says the only way to detect false prophets is by their _____.
- 19 The proof of the _____ is in the fruit.
- 20 Good trees produce good fruit, and rotten trees, _____ fruit.

21 False prophets use _____ signs and wonders to sway people.

The Scriptures divide the fruit of the false prophets into three general categories:

22 The first category is their _____.

23 The second category is the _____ of their teaching upon people.

24 The third category is false teachers lack moral _____.

25 Jesus taught that the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees was insufficient to enter into His _____.

26 Jesus clearly identified Himself as God and the Judge before whom every person will stand in the final _____.

III. The Two Foundations (7:24-27)

27 We must accept and _____ these teachings of Jesus to our own lives and continue applying them in everyday living.

28 One house fell and the other stood because one had a sure _____, while the other did not.

29 The solid foundation is the _____ of Jesus Christ.

30 It is an eternal mistake to base your life upon some revelation other than the _____.

31 The great _____ of life will come and test the foundation upon which you are building your life.

Conclusion

32 Jesus requires us to make a _____.

He points out that the narrow gate is the way of salvation. His teaching exposes false guides who would lead us astray, and He provides us with a sure foundation upon which to build our lives.

We must all stand before the One who spoke these words and give an account to Him as the God and Judge of the universe. He will either say, "Well done, good and faithful slave;...enter into the joy of your Master" (Matthew 25:21) or depart from me, I do not know you (Matthew 7:23).

ANSWERS

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| 1. Soul | 18. Fruits |
| 2. Judaism | 19. Root |
| 3. Decision | 20. Bad |
| 4. Act | 21. Deceptive |
| 5. Choice | 22. Teachings |
| 6. Spiritually | 23. Effect |
| 7. Choose | 24. Character |
| 8. One | 25. Kingdom |
| 9. Cross | 26. Judgment |
| 10. Eternal | 27. Apply |
| 11. Faith | 28. Foundation |
| 12. Narrow | 29. Teaching |
| 13. Faith | 30. Bible |
| 14. Righteousness | 31. Storms |
| 15. Destruction | 32. Decision |
| 16. Wide | |
| 17. Genuine | |