

“How to Live as a Kingdom Citizen”

Week 9: “The Way of the Narrow Gate”

Faith Bible Church

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Matthew 7:13-23 (*New American Standard*)

- 13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it.
- 14 "For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.
- 15 "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.
- 16 "You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they?
- 17 "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit; but the bad tree bears bad fruit.
- 18 "A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit.
- 19 "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
- 20 "So then, you will know them by their fruits.
- 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.
- 22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'
- 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'

AS HE BEGINS THE CONCLUSION OF HIS SERMON, JESUS SHARES A WORD OF EXHORTATION AND WARNING...

I. two paths are contrasted:

(vv. 13-14)

A. way of _____

1. _____ gate

2. _____ road

3. entered by _____

B. way of _____

1. _____ gate

2. _____ road

3. found by _____

The word of exhortation: _____ by the _____

(v. 13)

II. false prophets are described

(vv. 15-23)

A. outward _____ differs from inner _____

B. their _____ is revealed by their _____

C. their _____ are not confirmed by their _____

The word of warning: _____ of those who would _____ you _____

(v. 15)