

The Two Ways

Matthew 7:13-14

Intro:

- A. **The concept of a "way" is often seen in the Bible.**
 - 1. It is used to illustrate one's destiny.
 - 2. Jeremiah 22:18 - **"And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the Lord: Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death."**

- B. **God has a "way".**
 - 1. Psalm 86:11 - **"...Teach me thy way, O Lord: I will walk in thy truth: Unite my heart to fear thy name."**
 - 2. Psalm 128:1 - **"Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways."**

- C. **God's way is a good way.**
 - 1. Jeremiah 6:16 - **Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein..."**
 - 2. Psalm 18:30 - **"As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: He is a buckler to all those that trust him."**

I. The Way To Destruction.

- A. **"Enter ye in at the strait gate:" v.13**
 - 1. enter = εισερχομαι = "to come or go into".
 - 2. strait = στενος = "narrow"
 - 3. There are two ways, entered by two gates.

- B. **"...for wide is the gate"**
 - 1. wide = πλατος = "broad, wide."
 - 2. gate = πωλη = "one wing of a pair of double gates, in plural, the gates of a city."

- C. **"...and broad is the way..."**
 - 1. broad = ευρυχωρος = "roomy", "spacious"
 - 2. way = οδος = "a highway", "a road"

- D. **"that leadeth to destruction..."**

1. leadeth = απαγω = "to lead away", "conduct away"
2. destruction = απολεια = "waste", "ruin", "death, esp. by violence, perdition.

E. **"...and many there be which go in thereat:"**

1. "and many are those entering through it." - Ber
2. "and there are many people going that way" - Phi

II. The Way That Leads To Life.

A. **"Because, strait is the gate..." v.14**

1. strait = στενος = "narrow"
2. gate = "a gate", "the gates of a town"

B. **"...and narrow is the way..."**

1. narrow = θλιβω = "to press", "compressed"
2. way = οδος = "highway," "road"

C. **"which leadeth unto life..."**

1. leadeth = απαγω = "to lead away," "conduct"
2. life = ζωη = "life", "to breath"

D. **"...and few there be that find it."**

1. few = ολιγος = little, few in number.
2. find = ευρισκω = to find out, discover.

E. **Jesus is the way.**

1. John 14:6 - **I am the way, the truth..."**
2. Acts 4:12 - **"Neither is there salvation..."**