

**Sermon on the Mount**  
**Choose the Right Kingdom**  
**Matthew 7:13-28**

**Introduction**

Many mistakenly assume that all religious roads lead to heaven. Sadly, Hell will be populated by many religious people, not just atheists and agnostics.

1. Seeing someone refuse God's love and take a stand against Him is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It's even more tragic when someone relies on a \_\_\_\_\_ creed or doctrine to save them.
3. Jesus identifies His Kingdom as the \_\_\_\_\_ one spoken of in the Old Testament by the prophets.
4. He challenges the people to contemplate their eternal destiny, bringing them to the point of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. It's a choice between religious \_\_\_\_\_ and a relationship with Jesus Christ.

**I. The Two Gates**

6. God's kingdom is not a democracy; it's a \_\_\_\_\_, and Jesus is the King.
7. Jesus says there are only two gates to choose from, and we \_\_\_\_\_ choose one or the other.
8. Religion is \_\_\_\_\_'s efforts to reach up to God, but Jesus Christ is God's way of reaching down to \_\_\_\_\_.

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ way is the way that leads to eternal life, and the gate is the Lord Jesus Himself.
10. Entrance into the Kingdom of God requires \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ as God's Messiah and our Savior.
11. We must \_\_\_\_\_ all other gates.
12. Only by accepting the shed blood of Jesus can we \_\_\_\_\_ God.
13. People are not saved in clusters or groups but \_\_\_\_\_.
14. However, you can go to Hell any way you \_\_\_\_\_.
15. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ God's plan of salvation to our liking.
16. Our eternal \_\_\_\_\_ hangs upon the choice we make between these two ways.

## **II. Two Guides**

17. Many \_\_\_\_\_ would like to lead you to the wide gate and the way that leads to destruction.
18. These false prophets are not only \_\_\_\_\_ themselves, but they lead others to destruction with them.
19. False prophets' outward appearance and demeanor might cause you to think they are \_\_\_\_\_ guides.
20. Jesus says the only way to detect false prophets is by their \_\_\_\_\_.

21. This is where you have to exercise some \_\_\_\_\_ because false prophets are not without religious activities.
22. The Scriptures divide the fruit of the false prophets into three general categories. The first category is their \_\_\_\_\_.
23. False Prophets don't defend God's love or justice; they challenge and \_\_\_\_\_ it and make God a slave to their desires.
24. The second category is the \_\_\_\_\_ of their teaching upon people.
25. False prophets stir up controversy and strife, leading people away from the gospel's \_\_\_\_\_ and persecuting genuine Christians.
26. False teachers lack \_\_\_\_\_ character.
27. While they profess to know God, their \_\_\_\_\_ deny Him.
28. We know that Jesus identified Himself as God and the \_\_\_\_\_ before whom every person will stand in the final judgment.

### **III. The Two Foundations**

29. A wise person hears the teaching of Jesus and makes it their own by personal \_\_\_\_\_.
30. Both men built a house; the only difference was the \_\_\_\_\_.
31. Genuine Christianity is distinguished from every other religion by its foundation and ultimate source of \_\_\_\_\_.

32. The great \_\_\_\_\_ of life will test the foundation upon which you build your life.

## Conclusion

33. God \_\_\_\_\_ us to make a decision.

We must all stand before the One who spoke these words, and each of us must give an account to Him as the God and Judge of the universe. He will either say, "Well done, good and faithful servant; 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. heartbreaki<br>ng | 12. approach     | 24. effect      |
| 2. religious         | 13. individually | 25. truth       |
| 3. authentic         | 14. want         | 26. moral       |
| 4. decision          | 15. modify       | 27. deeds       |
| 5. humanism          | 16. destiny      | 28. Judge       |
| 6. monarchy          | 17. guides       | 29. application |
| 7. must              | 18. blind        | 30. foundation  |
| 8. man               | 19. reliable     | 31. authority   |
| 9. narrow            | 20. fruits       | 32. storms      |
| 10. faith            | 21. wisdom       | 33. requires    |
| 11. eliminate        | 22. teachings    |                 |
|                      | 23. deny         |                 |

## QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. The path that leads to destruction is broad. What path do the people you know, walk?
2. What false teachers are in the world today? How is their message enticing? What can you do not to be led astray by these false teachers?
3. In what ways do people build their lives on unstable foundations? What can you do to build the foundation of your life upon the Rock of Jesus Christ and His Scriptures?