

Concluding the Sermon on the Mount

Sermon 26 in the Matthew Series

Matthew 7:13-28

I. Two Gates and Where Each Leads 7:13-14

A. The Wide Gate and Wide Path

1. The gate is broad – as is the path -- which entices sinners to go the easy way.
2. The wide gate is the entrance to eternal death.
3. The Didache

1:1 There are two paths, one of life and one of death, and the difference is great between the two paths.

1:2 Now the path of life is this -- first, thou shalt love the God who made thee, thy neighbor as thyself, and all things that thou would not should be done unto thee, do not thou unto another.

2:1 But the second commandment of the teaching is this.

2:2 Thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not commit adultery; thou shalt not corrupt youth; thou shalt not commit fornication; thou shalt not steal; thou shalt not use soothsaying; thou shalt not practice sorcery; thou shalt not kill a child by abortion, neither shalt thou slay it when born; thou shalt not covet the goods of thy neighbor;

5:1 But the path of death is this. First of all, it is evil, and full of cursing; there are found murders, adulteries, lusts, fornication, thefts, idolatries, soothsaying, sorceries, robberies, false witnessings, hypocrisies, double-mindedness, craft, pride, malice, self-will, covetousness, filthy talking, jealousy, audacity, pride, arrogance;

6:1 See that no one make thee to err from this path of doctrine, since he who doeth so teaches thee apart from God.

B. The Narrow Gate and Narrow Path

1. Conversion and regeneration are the gate.
2. The gate is narrow
“We are not in heaven as soon as we have got through the strait gate, nor in Canaan as soon as we have got through the Red Sea. No, we must go through a wilderness and must travel a narrow way.” Matthew Henry

Isaiah 35:8-10

Isaiah 35 is prophetic and couched in prophetic imagery.

These promises are regarding the new covenant which we enjoy today.

II. Two Types of Trees and Their Fruit 7:15-20

A. The Difference between a Good Tree and a Bad Tree

B. The Difference between a Good Teacher and a False Teacher

Didache 11:1-6 Whosoever, therefore, shall come and teach you all these things aforesaid, him do ye receive; but if the teacher himself turn and teach another doctrine with a view to subvert you, hearken not to him; but if he come to add to your righteousness, and the knowledge of the Lord, receive him as the Lord. But concerning the apostles and prophets, thus do ye according to the doctrine of the Gospel. Let every apostle who comes unto you be received as the Lord. He will remain one day, and if it be necessary, a second; but if he remain three days, he is a false prophet. And let the apostle when departing take nothing but bread until he arrives at his resting-place; but if he asks for money, **he is a false prophet.**

11:10 and every prophet who teaches the truth, if he does not do what he teaches is a false prophet;

11:12 But whoever shall say in the spirit, Give me money, or things of that kind, listen not to him; but if he tell you concerning others that are in need that ye should give unto them, let no one judge him.

III. Two Different Practices: Talk vs. Obedience 7:21-23

How do you really get to know somebody? You talk to them.

All of us speak from our hearts – which is another reason it is so important to guard our hearts.

IV. Two Builders and Their Two Houses 7:24-29