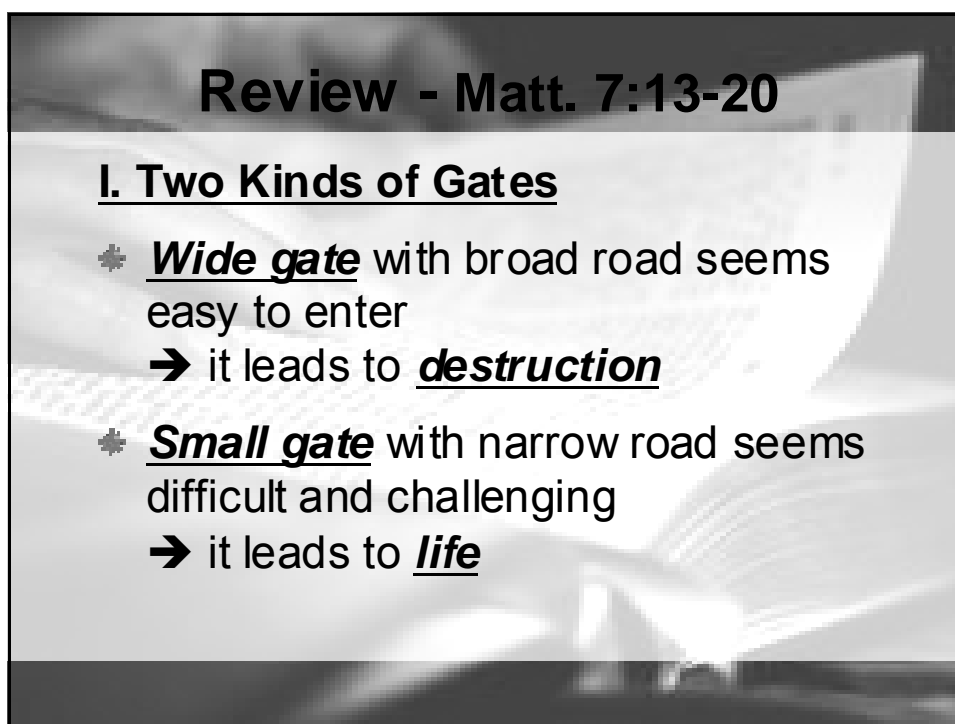


**Sermon on the Mount**  
**Week 13 – Matt. 7:21-29**

Walking In The Word Service  
Sat, 7.30pm  
Sun, 8.30am



**Review - Matt. 7:13-20**

**I. Two Kinds of Gates**

- \* **Wide gate** with broad road seems easy to enter  
→ it leads to **destruction**
- \* **Small gate** with narrow road seems difficult and challenging  
→ it leads to **life**

## **Review - Matt. 7:13-20**

### **II. Two Kinds of Teachers**

- ✦ Good teacher will produce good fruit
- ✦ False prophet will produce bad fruit
- ✦ Allow time to prove the quality of the fruits in their ministries

## **Matt.7:21-29**

- 1. The Lordship of Jesus Christ**  
(Matt.7:21-23)
- 2. The Foundation That Lasts**  
(Matt.7:24-29)

## The Lordship of Jesus Christ

### **Matt.7:21-23 (NIV)**

*<sup>21</sup> Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.*

## The Lordship of Jesus Christ

*<sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?'*

*<sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'*

## The Lordship of Jesus Christ

### Verses 21-23 are for Christians:

- Only believers would profess Jesus as “Lord” and master
- Only Christians can perform true exorcism successfully & permanently
- Jesus did not challenge what they said as lies
- But Christians who have walked away from the Lord

## The Lordship of Jesus Christ

- Casting out of demons and performing miracles were part of Jesus ministry on earth
- The signs and wonders by Jesus’ power was the ushering in of the Kingdom of God on earth

## The Lordship of Jesus Christ

The power ministry of Jesus in casting demons and performing miracles is still ***available*** for every ***child of God.***

## The Lordship of Jesus Christ

- The performing of the signs and wonders does not guarantee us a place in heaven
- The charismata, the spiritual gifts of God, are all part of God's grace being released on the church through His Spirit

## The Lordship of Jesus Christ

God manifested Himself to the Israelites:

- the feeding of manna every day
- the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night
- the giving of the Ten Commandments
- the water from a rock
- the 12 plagues sent to the Egyptians

## The Lordship of Jesus Christ

But entire generation who saw these awesome powers of God did not enter into the promise land except for Joshua and Caleb.

## The Lordship of Jesus Christ

### **Hebrews 3:16-19 (NIV)**

*16 Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt?*

*17 And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert?*

*18 And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed?*

*19 So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.*

## The Lordship of Jesus Christ

There are 2 possible indicators for us to be assured of our place in heaven in Matt.7:21, 23.

## The Lordship of Jesus Christ

### 1st indicator (v. 21): Obedience

- Verbal confession of Jesus as Lord is not sufficient
- The verbal confession must be from a deep conviction of our hearts where it motivates us to obey God

## The Lordship of Jesus Christ

### Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)

*<sup>9</sup> That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

*<sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*

## The Lordship of Jesus Christ

- The bible is not instructing us to earn our salvation through works
- God wants us to continue to walk in obeying His Commandments and Will

## The Lordship of Jesus Christ

### 2nd indicator (v.23): Relationship

- Relationship is never a one time encounter
- It is a daily continuous fellowship and cultivation of bond between two persons

## The Foundation That Lasts

### Matt.7:24-29

*<sup>24</sup> “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

*<sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.*

## The Foundation That Lasts

*<sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.*

*<sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”*

*<sup>28</sup> When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching,*

*<sup>29</sup> because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.*

## The Foundation That Lasts

- The word “practice” comes from the Greek word “ποιέω”
  - ➔ to practice,
  - ➔ to do,
  - ➔ to work out,
  - ➔ to execute,
  - ➔ to perform

## The Foundation That Lasts

- It is not the hearing of Jesus’ words that makes us wise
- It is the practice of what we have heard from our Lord’s teachings that will make us wise

## The Foundation That Lasts

### 1 Corinthians 8:1 (NIV)

*We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.*

## The Foundation That Lasts

### Knowledge can:

- ➔ build pride
- ➔ make us feel that we know all things

## **The Foundation That Lasts**

### **In verses 25 & 27:**

The “rain” and “winds” can be anything that shakes our faith and trust in God

## **Conclusion**

### **1. The Lordship of Jesus Christ**

- ❖ We are to have a daily relationship with our Lord Jesus
- ❖ The ability to perform signs and wonders does not guarantee us a place in heaven

## Conclusion

- ✿ We are merely instruments for God's power to flow through
- ✿ We must never anchor our faith in the charismata gifts of the Holy Spirit
- ✿ Our faith must be based upon a daily relationship with Jesus Christ

## Conclusion

### **2. The Foundation That Lasts**

- ✿ Hearing of God's Word does not give us a strong foundation
- ✿ Both the hearing and practicing of God's Word give us the solid foundation
- ✿ The foundation of God's Word will enable us to live through every storm of life with confidence and stability

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