



# THE PATH TO GOD

THE CHOICE BETWEEN THE NARROW OR THE WIDE PATH

Matthew 7:13-14 KJV

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## TWO PATHS:

### **BROAD WAY (WIDE)**

Complete freedom living as you see fit without any thought of the consequences. An easy, short sighted way, pleasure and prosperity. Ungodly, easy path, popular in the eyes of men. Ultimate disappointment deceiving, lies. Sounds so good, but the price is very high.

### **NARROW WAY**

God actually commands us to walk this way. Truth, discipline, obedience, self denial. Uncrowded, few people are found there. Wisdom and knowledge are found here following the footsteps of Jesus. You cannot live in sin and be content. The choice of the narrow path is the only way to eternal life.

People do not want to be confronted with the choices they've made. They will lash out against the truth of their own immortality.

## WHICH WAY WILL IT BE?

1 Kings 18:17-21 KJV

[17] And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel? [18] And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim. [19] Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table. [20] So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel. [21] And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

At some point in our life we will need to pick a path permanently. Excuses and justifications will not matter once we've made our choice, we will live with our choice. We will not be able to have both, one or the other. There are only two options we can choose from, the broad way, or the narrow way; truth or lies, There is no in between. Ahab and Jezebel rejected truth and tried to create their own morality by getting rid of people who represented truth and putting their own people in charge. Elijah would not bow down to Ahab's ways and as a result was hated by Ahab and Jezebel and stuck to the ways of God because God is God and truth is truth.

## **1. THE HEART IS A VACUUM THAT SOMETHING WILL OCCUPY**

When we empty our beliefs, something else will fill in the void. The rejection of truth leaves only untruths to fill in the empty space because the opposite of what we've rejected is all that's left as an option.

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## **2. GOD'S TRUTH IS THE LENS THAT BRINGS LIFE INTO FOCUS**

In order to avoid truth, we have to apply filters that only allow us to see the things we want and avoid the things we reject. Filters are the choices we've chosen to believe in our heart. Truth is a clear, unfiltered lens that provides clarity and honesty. Better decisions can be made from a clear view than can be made from bias observations.

Psalms 23:3 KJV

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psalms 25:10 KJV

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## **3. THE GOD OF TRUTH REQUIRES A BOLD DECISION**

Truth is not an easy choice to follow, sometimes it reveals our own weaknesses and failures, sometimes it causes hurtful and painful rejection by others. Truth doesn't care whether we accept it or reject it, it stands on its' own, either we choose and accept it or we don't. God cares what we choose. God is truth and when we choose truth, we choose God. There is no such thing as partial truth, it's either truth or it's a lie. It's either God and all the things of God or it's the world, and all the things of the world.

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## **4. THE SCRIPTURE ALONE IS THE SOURCE OF TRUTH**

We have a source of truth if we choose to follow it. The Bible is truth, every word of it. It is the standard by which we judge ourselves. If we fall short, it shows our own fallacy but doesn't detract from the truth of it.