

SUNDAY SCHOOL (COMBINED)

17 July 2016

Text: Matthew 7:13-23

TWO GATES

1. The difficult way

Matthew 7:13-14

- a) Narrow is the gate
- b) Difficult is the way which leads to life
- c) There are few who find it

2. The broad way

Matthew 7:13

- a) It leads to destruction
- b) Many go in by it

3. Warning about false prophets

- a) It may also refer to false teachers
- b) The word “prophet” may sometimes be used as a common symbol for false shepherds (Jeremiah 23).

4. How may we discern who these false shepherds are?

- a) They are dangerous
 - i) Outwardly they appear as sheep Matthew 7:15
 - ii) Inwardly they are ravenous wolves Matthew 7:15
- b) How they may be detected
 - i) By their fruits Matthew 7:16
 - ii) Every good tree bears good fruit Matthew 7:17
 - iii) A bad tree bears bad fruits Matthew 7:17
 - iv) A good tree cannot bear bad fruit Matthew 7:18
 - v) A bad tree cannot bear good fruit Matthew 7:18

5. Final outcome

- a) Every tree that that does not bear good fruit is cut down
7:19 Matthew
- b) It is then thrown into the fire
7:19 Matthew

6. Conclusion

"Therefore by their fruits you shall know them."

Matthew 7:20

- a) A call to be discerning
- b) A call to be wise