

## Two Paths

Matt.7:13-14

### I. **The context**

- a. It was all about choices
  - i. The kingdom of the world
  - ii. The kingdom of heaven
- b. It set in place:
  - i. The right attitudes Matt.5:3-12
  - ii. The right influences Matt.5:13-16
  - iii. The right motives Matt.5:21-48
  - iv. Where to seek praise Matt.6:1-18
- c. It set the ingredients
  - i. Singlemindedness Matt.6:19-24
  - ii. Reliance on the Father Matt.6:25-30
  - iii. Positive relationships Matt.7:12

### II. **The two ways (paths)**

- a. Represent two different lifestyles
  - i. Continual, reoccurring choices
- b. The popular way
  - i. Easy to find, easy to live
  - ii. Appeals to the flesh Jn.2:15-16
- c. The unpopular way
  - i. It is the way the Lord wants for us
  - ii. It will be hard to find and live (faith vs. sight) II Cor. 4:18

### III. **The two groups**

- a. They are believers
  - i. Service, not salvation
- b. The many will choose the easy way
  - i. Go along to get along
- c. The few LOOK for the hard way
  - i. Those that don't look, don't find

### IV. **The two destinations**

- a. Destruction
  - i. Natural consequences and lost eternal rewards
- b. Life
  - i. Positive natural consequences
  - ii. Eternal rewards gained II Cor.4:16-17