

## **THE TWO ROADS**

### **Psalm 119:153-160**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

- A. Read Psalm 119:153-160.
- B. A distinct line drawn between the righteous and the wicked.
- C. Similarities in the teaching of Christ, Matthew 7:13-27.
  - 1. The two roads, vss. 13-14.
  - 2. The two fruits, vss. 15-20.
  - 3. The two kinds of disciples, vss. 21-23.
  - 4. The two foundations, vss. 24-27.
- D. We will concentrate on the two roads.

#### **I. THE WAY TO HELL.**

- A. Entrance – “Wide is the gate.”
  - 1. A road that is inviting.
  - 2. It can be entered with bag and baggage, the gate of self-indulgence.
  - 3. Multitudes can enter all at once, with plenty of room to spare.
  - 4. Satan has made the way to hell a very easy way. He has blinded man from the truth so that man doesn’t know which way is right, 2 Corinthians 4:4.
- B. Ease – “Broad is the road.”
  - 1. Welcome to each person, the more the merrier.
  - 2. There are no restrictions – travel as you wish.
  - 3. Paul tells us that man would be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of god, 2 Timothy 3:2-4.
    - a. If you don’t believe it, ask yourselves why you aren’t present Sunday evening and Wednesday evenings.
    - b. Why you don’t have time to work for Christ – but time for everything else?
- C. “That leads to destruction.”
  - 1. Prov. 14:12, “*There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.*”
  - 2. Psalm 1:6, “*...but the way of the wicked will perish.*”
- D. Enjoyment – “Many enter through it.”
  - 1. There is pleasure in sin, Hebrews 11:25.
  - 2. The parable of the farmer building bigger barns, Luke 12:19-21.

#### **II. THE WAY TO HEAVEN.**

- A. Difficult – “Small is the gate.”
  - 1. It is a gate that must be found.
    - a. Matthew 6:33, “*Seek first His kingdom...*”
    - b. Matthew 7:7-8, “*...seek and you shall find...*”
  - 2. We empty ourselves of the desire for earthly goods, the unforgiving spirit, selfishness and self-righteousness, Mt. 5-7.
    - a. Luke 9:23, “*If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.*”
  - 3. The statement of Jesus, John 14:6.

- B. Strict – “Narrow is the road.”
  - 1. Example of Moses, Hebrews 11:26.
  - 2. Living for God is difficult, John 15:18-19, 2 Cor. 4:8-10.
  - 3. Can be compared to a turnstile – only one at a time.
  - 4. Demanding self-denial and obedience.
- C. Salvation – “That leads to life.”
  - 1. Passing from death unto life, John 5:24.
- D. Surety – “And only a few find it.”
  - 1. Why only a few? We have to repent and leave our sins.
  - 2. Too often we are comfortable where we are, unwilling to make a change.
  - 3. Romans 7:14-25

### III. GOD’S WORD.

- A. The Common Denominator.
  - 1. The psalmist [righteous].
    - a. *“I do not forget Your law”, vs. 153.*
    - b. *“I do not turn from Your testimonies”, vs. 157.*
    - c. *“I love Your precepts”, vs. 159.*
  - 2. The wicked.
    - a. *“They do not seek Your statutes”, vs.155.*
    - b. *“They do not keep Your word”, vs. 158.*
- B. Our Relationship with God.
  - 1. Based on following God’s Word.
    - a. Ps. 119:105, *“Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.”*
    - b. Psalm 1:3
  - 2. We can know for a fact.
    - a. Are we following His word – in all things?
    - b. Do we spend time reading, meditating on His word?
    - c. Are we memorizing His word?
      - i. We know a lot of stats and phone numbers ...
      - ii. But do we truly know God?
  - 3. Knowledge based on God’s Word.
    - a. 1 John 5:11-13
    - b. John 14:6, *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.”*