

Introduction _____

I. THE TWO WAYS IN MATTHEW 7:13-14

Enter by the narrow gate; the wide gate leads to destruction _____

1. The wide way is _____

2. The narrow way is _____

II. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE NARROW WAY

A. Requires change in character _____

B. Demands higher standards of conduct _____

C. Calls for complete trust in God _____

III. THE BROAD WAY CONTRASTED

Broad way requires no sacrifice or change _____

Broad way response to offense: payback and protection _____

IV. THE NARROW WAY AND ENEMIES

Christian response to persecution is unique and difficult _____

Rejoice in suffering (Matthew 5:11-12) _____

Forgive offenses (Matthew 6:12) _____

Love and pray for persecutors (Matthew 5:44) _____

Do not seek revenge (Romans 12:19-20) _____

V. WHY THE NARROW WAY IS SO NARROW

God is the just judge; vengeance belongs to Him (Nahum 1:2; Romans 12:19) _____

Following the narrow way allows God to work in us and our enemies _____

Payback hinders spiritual growth and escalates conflict _____

VI. TRUSTING GOD'S JUSTICE AND TIMING

God's timing is perfect; He repays when the time is right _____

VII. THE NARROW WAY'S DEMANDS AND ENCOURAGEMENT

Jesus is the door; baptism begins the journey on the narrow way _____

He promises to be with us every step of the way _____