

"The Church Is Home" 12/18/94 Am

Review

Would you open your Bibles
to the Gospel as Recorded
by Matthew // **Matthew 7,
Verses 13 & 14 will be our
Text for today - < Matt. 7:13 & 14 >**

Beloved, there are two roads
leading to Eternity // **However
they go in different directions //
And both are well marked - //**
One leads to life and Eternity
in Heaven // while the other
leads to Eternal Death and
Eternal Torments - //

At this very moment, we
are all traveling one of
those roads - // **Which one are
you on? //**

**Listen to our Text. Matt 7:13 & 14
(Read it)**

Did you notice how positive
the writer is? **No Bypass!**

No Secondary Roads // No
Alternate Routes // ~~Highways~~ //

Here the Apostle calls our Road
"STRAIT" ^{or narrow} And the other "BROAD"

One Meaning "~~Barren~~" = "PENT UP"
"DIFFICULT to Enter In" = ~~yet~~ yet
possible to Enter In = ~~well~~ well
marked

The "Narrow" Road is the way to
Heaven Beloved // It is called
"Narrow" because it goes
Contrary to what the world
teaches = ~~not~~ ~~teaches~~

Its "Narrow" meaning is
"There is only one way" //

If you recall, in last Sunday's
message, we said, "Religion has
confused lots of people in
much of its teachings =
Even to saying "There
is more than one way to
Heaven" - ~~Not~~ Not So Beloved

2/ You see it was the Lord
Jesus who said, "Strait is the
Gate And Narrow is the Way"

It was the Lord Jesus who said,
"I Am the Door" / There is no
other way to the Father
but by me" //

On Thursday I sat across the
table from a young man
who asked my opinion on
a very controversial subject //
He said "The Bible says this"
but what is your opinion? //

My answer was this, It's NOT
my opinion that is the issue, //
It's what the word of God
says that really matters //

Jesus said, "The way to Heaven
is narrow" / And many find it
more difficult than what they
have been told // Yet the way
is well marked //

And Many Don't Believe that
The Benefits are worth the
effort // Oh but listen if
you question that, Read
Johns 14 Verses 1 thru 3
And Revelation 21 & 22

Yes Beloved, The way is
Narrow // And the Gate is
Strait // But it will be
worth it all when we see
Jesus //

But what about the other way
Jesus Mentions? // Why did
He call it "Broad" // Why did
He say "Wide is the Gate" //

And why did Jesus say, "Many
There are which Go in thereat?"
He said it
because OF the way the
World teaches // The worlds
Way of thinking is Broad //
Open on Both Ends // Its
Contrary to Gods Way //

3/ It tells us to rely on ourselves, rather ^{than} the word of God —

The World says: "Rely on your works" "Rely on your goodness" "Live a clean moral life" — that will get you there

But did you notice what Jesus said: Look at Verse 13

Jesus said: "The broad way leads to destruction" ^{meaning} To Eternal Death // Eternal separation from God and all that's good

If you will read in Proverbs 14:12 you'll find it written

"There is a way that seemeth right to man but the end thereof are the ways of death" — that's the broadway below.

The Adult lesson in Sunday School today was on the Birth of Jesus —

On the fulfillment^{ment} of
God's prophecy ~~is~~ Telling
us that the Birth of Jesus
was God's way of saying
to all mankind, "I have
prepared the way" ~~not~~
"A" way beloved ~~but~~ The
Way"

That's narrow isn't it?
But it's God's way =
Let me tell you
John 3:16 is narrow // Romans
10:9-10 & 13 is narrow // Acts
2:38 is narrow // Acts 4:12
is narrow // Too narrow
For some = yet it's God's
way

Oh but listen, those verses
of scripture depict the way
a person gets to Heaven

Call them what you
want // but God said
what He meant and
meant what He said =

4/ Please listen Beloved, "If there had been other ways God approved of, when by a person could have been saved, Jesus could have stayed at home // There would not have been the need for God to "Grow the tree that would one day become the old rugged cross" //

Had there been another way to "Enter In" / Song writers would not have written, "What can wash away my sins, Nothing but the blood of Jesus" And Jesus said it all " would be a lie
"The Great Song, when He was on the cross, I was on His mind" would never have been written =
Oh but listen, Each Song David & David is the Gate, because is the way -

Someone said one day, "I Really
Don't see the Need for Things
Like Luke 16, 19-31 being
in the Bible. It's Gross //
So is Revelation 20:15" //

Oh but listen to me Beloved //
God had men write these
"Gross" Things, because He
loved us - // He had men
write these "Gross" Things
because "It is Not His Will
that any perish, but that all
Come to Repentance" //

Rev. 20:15 speaks of "the Lake of Fire", And
The Account in Luke 16 is
about Lazarus And the Rich
Man // One chose God's way -
The other chose the world's way -

Lazarus was seen in the
"bosom of Abraham" // in
the presence of God // He now
sees these things Eye hath
never seen //

5/ The New hears these things
"Ere hath never heard" // Lazarus
Knew Now what "God hath
prepared for those who
Love Him" // He entered in the
Narrow Gate, He traveled the STRAIT
way //
Oh But the Story is Different
for the Rich Man = / a man
who traveled the Broad Way //
a man who chose the wide
Gate = // He determined his
And it was ^{own} not a good one //

Yes Beloved, Luke 16 Verses
19 thru 31 could be considered
Gross by some - / Especially
Verse 23 & 24 = on Verses
25 and 26 = / For here
hell is depicted as a place
of "Durable Torments" // where
Durable suffering is ever present //
where eternal separation
can't be denied =

Oh But because God loves us,
He wanted us to know "The
Ends There of =

The fruits of traveling
the broad way // The fruits
of looking for the wide gate //
God WANTED us to know
The penalty of following
Mans way, rather than
Gods way. //

Revelation 20, Verse 15 is
also considered "Gross" by
many today = // There are
men who claim to be "called
of God to preach" who will
not use ^{stay} Rev. 20:15 as a
summons = They will not
allow "Nothing But the Blood"
to be Sinner / why? // Because
some find them offensive //
some find them too Gross //

Let me tell you beloved, I
would have loved to preached
on the events leading up to
The Birth of the Lord Jesus
Today -

6/ I would have loved to
preach about the Angel
telling Mary that God had
chosen her to be the mother
of the Christ child //

had I been choosing, the
message, I would have chosen
to expand on the Name
God Gave Jesus // "Emmanuel"
meaning "God with us" //

or I would have chosen Isaiah
9 Verse 6 for a text, where
the prophet wrote, "For unto
us a child is born, unto
us a son is given, and
his name shall be called
"Wonderful" // Counsellor //
The mighty God // The everlasting
Father // The Prince of Peace" //

Listen beloved, I think what
I would have chosen to
preach on today // But God
told me what He wanted
preached ~~today~~ //

You See Dear Ones, God Knows
every heart in this place
No one has a secret from God

Our Lives And Our Souls Are,
An Open Book to Him —
Our Darkest Secrets Are
Well Known to Him —

God Knows the Road You And
I Are Traveling — He Knows
where we are heading — And
He is putting up a Return Sign
for someone here today —

Some Call the "Signs" Gross
Vulgar / COARSE / Rude / BUT
I Call Them Learning & Caring

I See God's Return Signs
As Saying, "You Are Traveling
the Wrong Way" — "You Are
heading for Destruction" —
"Here are the Good Results —"

7/
Let Me say to our hearts today,
"God knows what we need to
hear" And faithful servants preach
it =

I believe we've been faithful
today = For you see someone may
be here but ~~today~~ // someone
may be here back ~~today~~
today // God knows / And because
He loves, He wants you to
get on the right road //

Narrow? / Yes, but leading to
"Joy Unspeakable" // Peace Beyond
all human understanding // Life
Eternal in the presence of the
One who made it all possible -

Every hand bowed, every eye
closed = / when are you heard
today? // You might as well
admit it, because God knows //
And He's able to help you
today = / He wants to //

There may be a saved person here
today "On the wrong Road" - you
know you are saved, but God
does not have His light for peace
in your heart - you are fighting
it hard to give Him the time
He deserves. That will rob
you of joy & peace of the abundant
life - will you ask God to help
you get your life turned around
back on the right road / Highway
in the right direction = **Yes!**
Do it

Will you come, redefining your
life today = It will make this
season all God wants it to
be for you =

Perhaps someone would feel led
to come to this altar to pray
asking God for direction
in your life - wanting to be
a good & faithful servant.

21/
Someone could be here without
Jesus or Jesus? Perhaps with
your name on a church roll
some where. But today you saw
God's Detour sign showing a
warning = "Wrong Way" you
can't get there the way you
are trying -

Would you invite Jesus into
your heart? Would you believe
that He came to seek you out
and save your soul? Will
you ask Jesus to save you now?

If you need help let me help
you. God wants to save your
soul. Jesus died to save it.
Will you come now?

The
room of the church are open to
receive all led of the Lord to
join His work here. And they ^{know who} are
lets pray - Will you come now?