

## Bible/College Class Notes – Studies in Matthew – Lesson 130

### The Saviour Comes and Begins His Work

**This week** – The Lord shows us how there is only one road through life which leads to Heaven.

**The Lord Jesus said, “Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”** *Matthew 7v14.*

#### Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

| Day       | Bible Reading   | Tick When Read |
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| Sunday    | Matthew 7v1-12 (Examine our own hearts before God)          |                |
| Monday    | Matthew 7v13-29 (Build on the Rock, Live on the Narrow Way) |                |
| Tuesday   | John 14v1-15 (Jesus, The only Way, Truth, and Life)         |                |
| Wednesday | John 14v16-31 (Love God, Keep His Commandments)             |                |
| Thursday  | Joshua 24v14-28 (Choose today who you will serve)           |                |
| Friday    | 2 John 2 (John rejoices in those who walk in God’s truth)   |                |
| Saturday  | Psalms 1 (The blessing of walking in God’s Way)             |                |

**Important Lesson for us Today.** Filial love, what is it? Filial love is love shown to a parent by a child - a strong, sincere, positive emotion of regard, respect, obedience and affection. If we believe in Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord, then we must show filial love to God. This will include deep appreciation for His love to us in sending the Saviour, for His substitutionary death on Calvary, and for His mercy and forgiveness to us. By recognising God’s love to us, we will want to show our love to Him in our obedience - in all we think, say, and do. In 2 Corinthians 5v14, the Apostle Paul writes that, **“For the love of Christ constraineth us; ... that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again...”** v17, **“Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”**

Let us examine our hearts. Are we walking on the Narrow Road in love and obedience?

Hymn 201 tells us to follow the Lord because He is The Way, The Truth, and The Life.

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| 1. Thou art the Way, to Thee alone<br>From sin and death we flee;<br>And he who would the Father seek<br>Must seek Him, Lord, by Thee.             | 2. Thou art the Truth, Thy Word alone<br>True wisdom can impart;<br>Thou only canst inform the mind,<br>And purify the heart.               |
| 3. Thou art the Life, the rending tomb<br>Proclaims Thy conquering arm:<br>And those who put their trust in Thee<br>Nor death nor hell shall harm. | 4. Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life;<br>Grant us that Way to know,<br>That Truth to keep, that Life to win<br>Whose joys eternal flow. |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible

### The Lord Jesus Teaches Us About The Two Roads Of Life.

- **The Sermon on the Mount** – Matthew 5,6, & 7. Words of comfort & challenge.
- **The Roads of Life – The Popular and The Unpopular. Where Do They Lead?**
  - **The Lord makes it very clear** - there are **only** two ways of living our lives. We must seriously consider which ‘road’ to take through this life.

*It would be very foolish to go on a long journey with no idea of your destination, and you would soon be lost by not carefully following a map or guide to show you the way.*

#### Consider The Alternatives:

- **The Popular Road - Which leads to Eternal Death: -**
  - **A Wide Gate** – Wide open and so easy for us to enter without thinking.
  - **A Broad Road** – Easy to walk along sinfully, in company with many others.
  - **A Crowded Road** – With many distracting pleasures and entertainments.
  - **A Picture of The Unbeliever’s Life: -**
    - **An Open Way** – No standards, copying the evil thinking of all kinds of people.
    - **An Easy Way** – Without any concern for right or wrong. Doing whatever we like.
    - **A Crowded Way** – Following the fickle crowd. Persuaded by the majority view.
- **The Unpopular Road – Which leads to Eternal Life: -**
  - **A Small Gate** – Allowing only one at a time to unbolt the lock and enter. **We unbolt the lock by prayer when we respond to the gracious call of God to repent.**
  - **A Narrow Road** – With difficulties, requiring determination and boldness.
  - **A Lonely Road** – But in good company with others of similar beliefs.
  - **A Picture of The Believer’s Life: -**
    - **Christ – The Gate.** Leading to the foot of the cross in repentance and faith.
    - **Christ – The Way.** The Lord has promised to be with us as our help and guide.

*Jesus said, “I AM The Way, The Truth, and The Life, no man cometh to the Father but by Me.”*

- **The Destination – God’s Judgement or God’s Heaven?**
  - **Danger Ahead.** The Broad Road leads to life under God’s eternal wrath. **How foolish to stay on this dangerous road! You are at the crossroads. Turn off now.**
  - **A Far Better Destination.** The Narrow Road leads to Eternal Heaven, where God has a place of eternal joy and peace, prepared for repentant sinners.

**How wise to enter the Narrow Gate today, while you are young, with life ahead of you.**

*The Gospel points us to the Lord Jesus Christ, and His death on the cross to save us.*

**Sincere faith in Christ, turning from our sin in heartfelt repentance, is our entry through the Narrow Gate.** *John Bunyan, in Pilgrims’ Progress, called it, ‘The Wicket Gate’.*

**One asked the Lord, “Lord, Are there few that be saved?” And He said unto them, “Strive to enter in at the strait (narrow) gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in (when it is too late), and shall not be able.”** *Luke 13v23,24.*