

The Oologah Informer

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DANGER - WRONG ROAD!

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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Guest Speaker: Michael Purdom

PM Sermon

Disobedience (1 Samuel 15:22-23)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

Mission Work report by Michael Purdom

Wednesday Bible Class:

John 19:19– R. Earl

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"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (**Matthew 7:13-14**).

Many people never pay attention to warning signs. It seems they want to go faster than the posted speed limits and stop signs are often ignored. How many times has the morning news reported a deadly accident because someone was going the wrong way? We wonder just how anyone could ignore these clearly marked warning signs. Yet, the world is full of people who are running headlong down the wrong road.

Jesus declared there are only two roads men can take as they travel through life. One is a broad way, and many people are traveling on that path. The wide gate and broad way are easily entered. This road has few restrictions if any, and you can do whatever you choose or whatever feels good to you. The broad way leads to ruin and destruction. In spite of clear warnings, the world is filled with those who have chosen to ignore the "Danger, do not enter" sign. Most of them feel they have made the right choice and believe there is more than one road that is safe to travel. However, the Bible tells us, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (**Proverbs 16:25**). This road may seem smooth and full of pleasures, but the journey will eventually cost them their souls. Additionally, those who choose the wrong road will surely influence others to go down that same dangerous road. It may be a spouse, a child, a friend or one of the neighbors. Our example can lead others down the wrong road.

The other way spoken of in **Matthew 7:13-14** is said to be strait and narrow. It is thus described because there are commands that must be obeyed if one is to enter the gate and travel upon the road which leads to life eternal. This road contains restrictions, commands and guidelines that are to be followed. To gain entrance into this way one must enter through the "gate" of baptism. Jesus declared, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (**Mark 16:15-16**). Peter instructed those in **Acts 2:38**, "...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..." Every one of those who obeyed the gospel were added to the church (**Acts 2:47**). By obeying this commandment, all men enter through the gate and set their feet on the road that leads to eternal life. This way will have many trials

and temptations. However, the Lord has not left us defenseless and without a way to overcome these pitfalls. We are told to “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (**2 Timothy 2:15**). When Jesus was tempted in Matthew chapter 4 He used scripture to overcome Satan’s temptations. We can do no less! Making right choices keeps us on the road to eternal salvation. We must choose whom we will serve, “And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD” (**Joshua 24:15**). Moses chose “to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season” (**Hebrews 11:25**). The road we travel is of our own choosing. The question is, what road will we choose to walk upon in this life? The Bible tells us, “... I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:” (**Deuteronomy 30:19**).

Why does **Matthew 7:14** inform us that “few there be that find it?” Please understand, it is not because God does not want many to find it! Few find the right way because the vast majority of the world reject God and His word. Some say the Bible is just too hard to understand, while others believe that God is not so narrowminded that He requires strict obedience to His law. Either one of these false concepts will set our feet on the broad way and will keep us traveling down the wrong road.

We often sing of the Old Cross Road. Far to many are looking for the new made way. We must not risk our souls by ignoring the warning sign: **Danger, Do Not Enter!** The Father sent His Son into this world to light the way for our journey. There is only one way to the pearly gate. Jesus said, “...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (**John 14:6**). We would be wise to make His way our way.

Others risk their souls on some new-made way,
Thinking they will come to the gate someday;
Oh, may they find out, ere their lives are done,
That the old Cross Road is the only one.
There is just one way to the pearly gate,
To the crown of life and the friends who wait;
'Tis the old Cross Road, or the way called "Straight"—
There is just one way to the pearly gate.