

# VALLEY OF DECISION

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When God created man and placed him in the Garden of Eden, He made him a "free moral agent". Man would make the determination of the direction of his life. This pattern remains today and will until time comes to an end. Man is always in the "valley of decision."

One of the most important decisions of life is what direction will one pursue. God has made this decision quite simple. Listen carefully to the words of Christ. "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." {Matthew 7: 13, 14} Let us examine this statement further.

**THERE ARE JUST TWO GATES.** One is "strait", the other is "wide". Christ has made it very clear as to which is His preference.

Why is the strait gate "difficult to enter?" Unfortunately, because sacrifice is involved. "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple." {Luke 14:26,27} Christ must have first place!

The "wide" gate is an easier choice, easy to find, easy to stay on, and it offers many temporal pleasures. There is no self-denial, no truth to enter it, and there are many on the road with you. Yet, please remember in the days of Noah, many went down the wrong path! The choice is yours.

**THERE ARE BUT TWO WAYS.** One is "narrow", the other is "broad." Why narrow? "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able." {Luke 13:24} Many will desire this gate, but will not be able to enter. Why?

Unfortunately for some the price to travel is too high. "Jesus said to him, you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." {Matthew 22:37} Many are too much in love with self!

Why is the gate "wide"? It will be able to accommodate many more, has easy access and is very convenient. There are no problems, no worries. You can travel at your own pace and answer to no one. This is misleading. Why? "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it." (John 8:44) See, you are not the boss!

**THERE ARE JUST TWO DESTINIES.** One is heaven and the other is Hell. Despite the belief of many, there is no "middle ground".

"And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."  
{Matthew 25:46}

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away. "{Revelation 21:4}

"Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city." {Revelation 22:14} Could it be any plainer?

Yes, dear reader you are also in the "valley of decision. Choices and decisions cannot be avoided and only the individual can make them. What is your decision? \*\*\*