

## THE TALE OF TWO PATHS

**Tabernacle of Praise** will be challenged this year with two major decisions this year. One is to take the path of least resistance and sink to the level of carnality and living a life of compromise and defeat. Or Take the Path of Self denial and crucifixion of our flesh and will and follow God's will to a great and lasting move of God and great Victory!

Mat 7:13 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:

Mat 7:14 Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

3Jn 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Pro 4:13 Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life.

Pro 4:14 Enter not into she **path of the wicked**, and go not in the way of evil *men*.

Pro 4:15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

Pro 4:16 For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause *some* to fall.

Pro 4:17 For they **eat the bread of wickedness**, and **drink the wine of violence**.

Pro 4:18 But the **path of the just** *is* as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Deu 30:14 But the word *is* very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

Deu 30:15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

Deu 30:16 In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

Deu 30:17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;

Deu 30:18 I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall **surely perish**, *and that* ye shall not prolong *your* days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.

Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, **blessing and cursing**: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Deu 30:20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, *and* that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he *is* thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

### **We choose our own Destiny**

Jos 24:14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

Jos 24:15 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.

Jos 24:16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;

Jer 6:16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where *is* the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein*.

Jer 6:17 Also I set watchmen over you, *saying*, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.

Jer 6:18 Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what *is* among them.

### **THAT IS WHY GOD GAVE YOU A PASTOR IS TO KEEP YOU ON THE RIGHT PATH**

Jer 3:14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:

Jer 3:15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

2Co 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you* as a chaste virgin to Christ.

2Co 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

### COURSE CORRECTIONS

1. **If we are going to be saved, we must make course corrections along the way.**

### ESTABLISHING BOUNDRIES

Exo 19:12 And thou **shalt set bounds unto the people** round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, *that ye go not* up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:

Exo 19:13 There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether *it be* beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.

Jos 3:4 Yet there **shall be a space between you and it**, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed *this* way heretofore.

### Hot or Cold

Rev 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

Rev 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

Rev 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Rev 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

Rev 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Rev 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

**I will** — *Greek*, “I am about to,” “I am ready to”: I have it in my mind: implying graciously the possibility of the threat not being executed, if only they repent at once. His dealings towards them will depend on theirs towards Him.

1. **When you are lukewarm it is easy to justify you actions and hard to shake off carnality and the desires and things of the world begin to grow rapidly in you soul.**

Jdg 21:25 In those days *there was* no king in Israel: every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes.

Pro 21:2 Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

Pro 14:14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man *shall be satisfied* from himself.

1Pe 2:25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

2. **Don't become your own Priest:** When Saul entered into the place of a Priest, God brought judgment.
3. **To make it in this end time, we must be lendable and guidable.**

Eph 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Gen 16:9 (Hagar) And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.

Gen 16:10 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

### **Building on the Right Foundation**

Mat 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

Mat 7:25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

Mat 7:26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

Mat 7:27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Mat 7:28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: