

HIGHWAY TO HELL

Most of us know this topic from the song by AC/DC. We all face decisions in our life, mostly with two paths to consider. Conceptually, think of these paths as two contrasting choices, the narrow road/path and the broad road/path. Looking deeper at each of these we can see the following:

Narrow Road/Path – less traveled, harder to navigate, takes more effort, uneasy terrain, few people choose this path. In other words, hard work.

Broad Road/Path – heavily traveled, easy or more fitting, simple, common, popular, most people choose this path. In other words, the easy way out.

Thinking about these definitions, let us put them into Biblical meaning.

Matthew 7:13-14 states *“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it”*.

Here we see a metaphor used by Jesus giving an image of a narrow gate and a broad road to describe the two contrasting paths in life:

- Narrow gate / narrow road: The path to eternal life, requiring commitment, faith, obedience, and sometimes sacrifice to obtain God’s salvation.
- Wide gate / broad road: The path to destruction, which is easy to follow but leads us away from God’s kingdom.

The contrast between the two roads and gates reflects that salvation is not automatic. God loves all people, but not everyone will choose to travel the narrow path. The “highway to hell” is the broad road that most people will choose, often because it is the easiest and most popular, but it ultimately leads to spiritual separation from God.

Luke 13:24 also states *“Make every effort to enter through the narrow gate, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.”*

In summary, the “highway to hell” as described by the Bible is the broad, easy path that leads to destruction, while the narrow path is the hard, challenging, and essential path to everlasting life with God the father.

So chose your path wisely, pick the road to God and not the highway to hell.

Amen.