

Greatness in the Kingdom

**HE HAS MADE US
A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS
FOR GOD HIS FATHER.**

**ALL GLORY AND POWER
TO HIM FOREVER AND
EVER! AMEN.**

REVELATION 1:6 | MEC | VERSE FOR 2012

The Character of the Kingdom



**poor in
spirit**
(Matt. 5:3)



**who
mourn**
(Matt. 5:4)



**the
meek**
(Matt. 5:5)



**hunger
& thirst**
(Matt. 5:6)



**show
mercy**
(Matt. 5:7)



**pure in
heart**
(Matt. 5:8)



**peace-
makers**
(Matt. 5:9)



persecuted
(Matt. 5:10)

The Calling of the Kingdom

SALT & LIGHT

World
in
decay

World
in
darkness



The Conduct of the Kingdom



exceed that
of Scribes and
Pharisees ...

(Matthew 5:20)



not done like
hypocrites to be
seen by others

(Matthew 6:1-2)



warnings
against
worldliness

(Matthew 6:19-7:12)

The Choices of the Kingdom



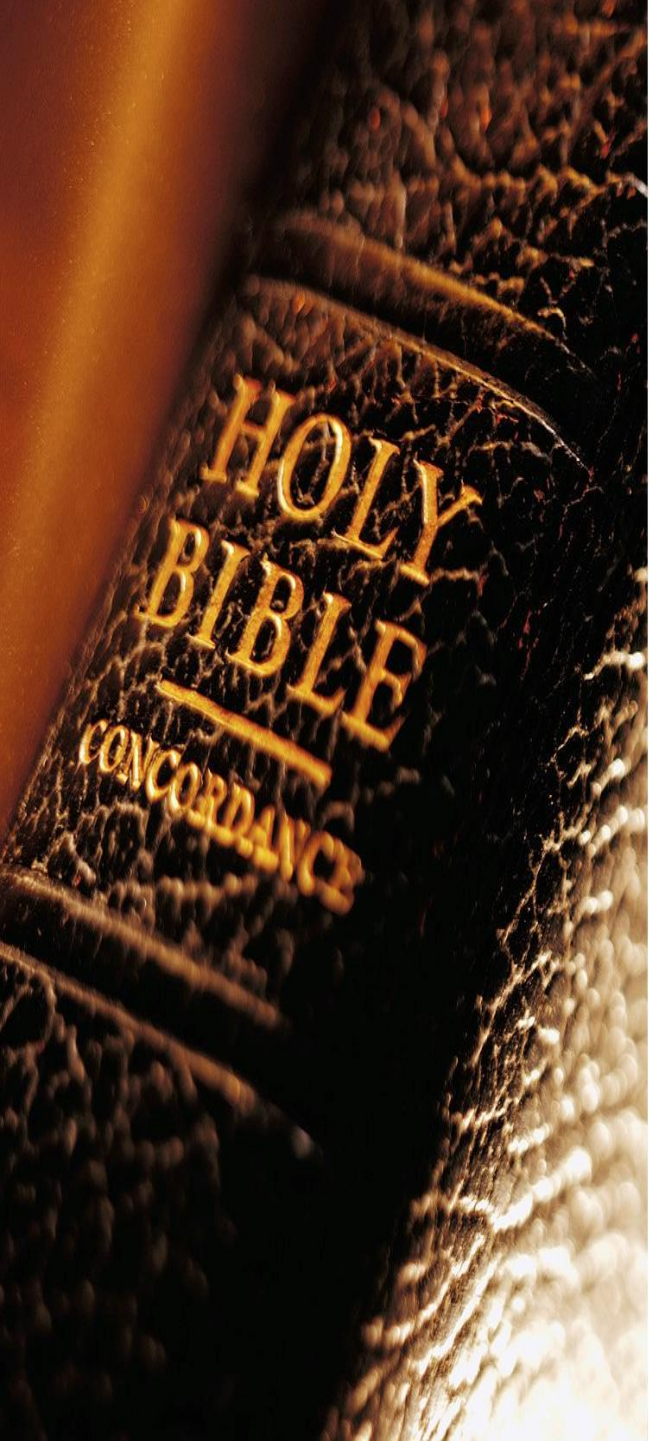
Moses

“Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses.”
(Deuteronomy 30:19)



Joshua

“And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, then choose this day whom you will serve ...”
(Joshua 24:15)

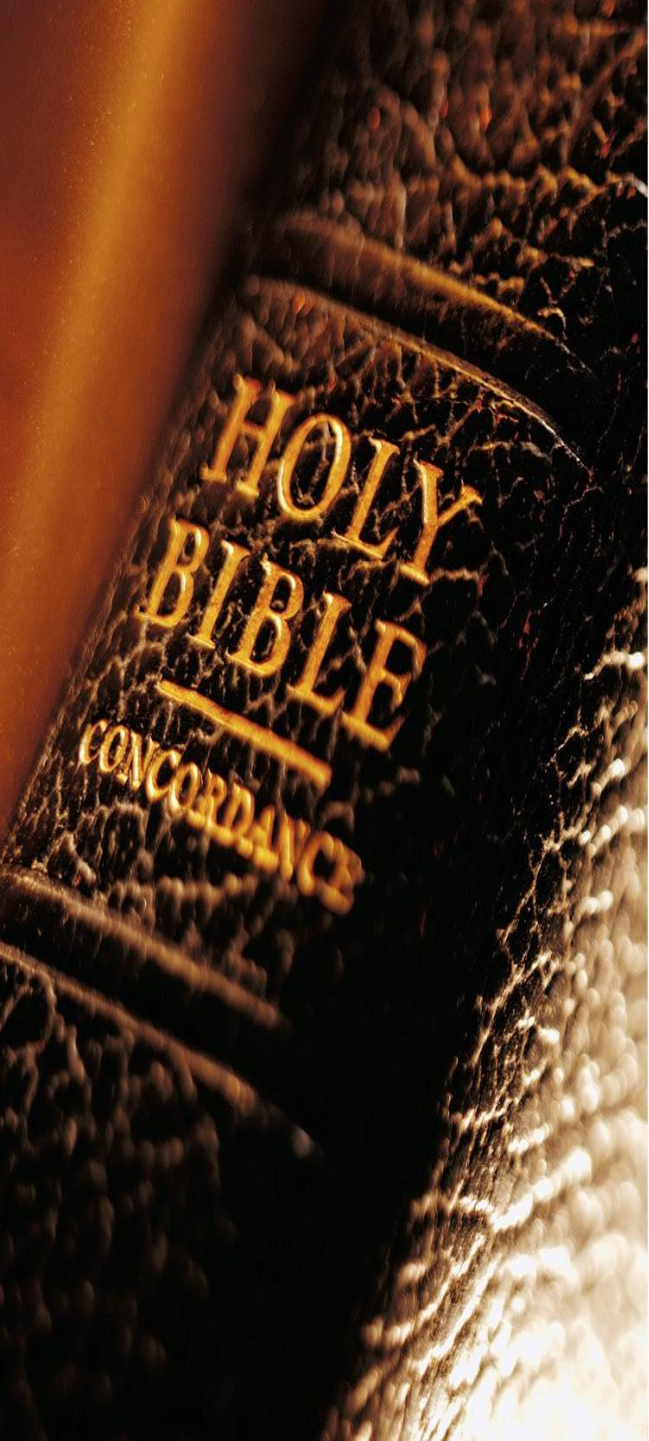


Matthew 7:13-29 (NLT)

¹³ “You can enter God’s Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way.

¹⁴ But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.

¹⁵ “Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves.

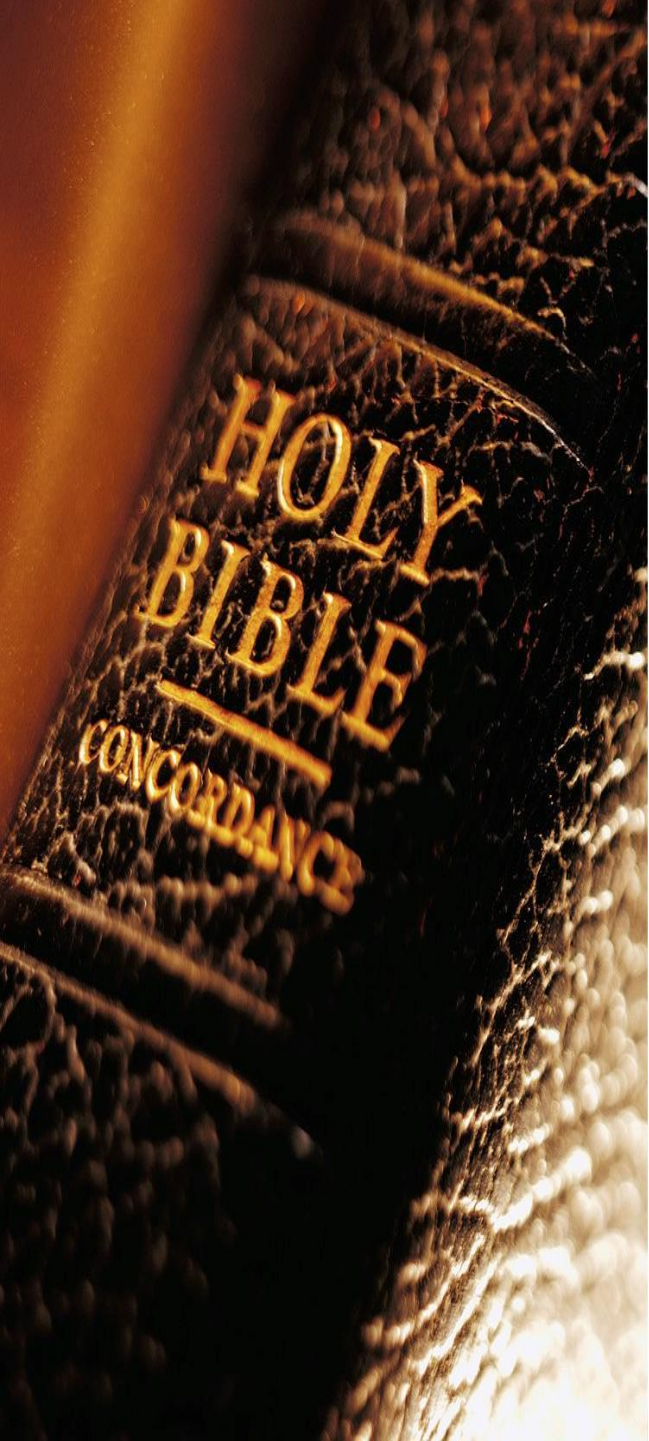


Matthew 7:13-29 (NLT)

¹⁶ You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

¹⁷ A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit.

¹⁸ A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit.

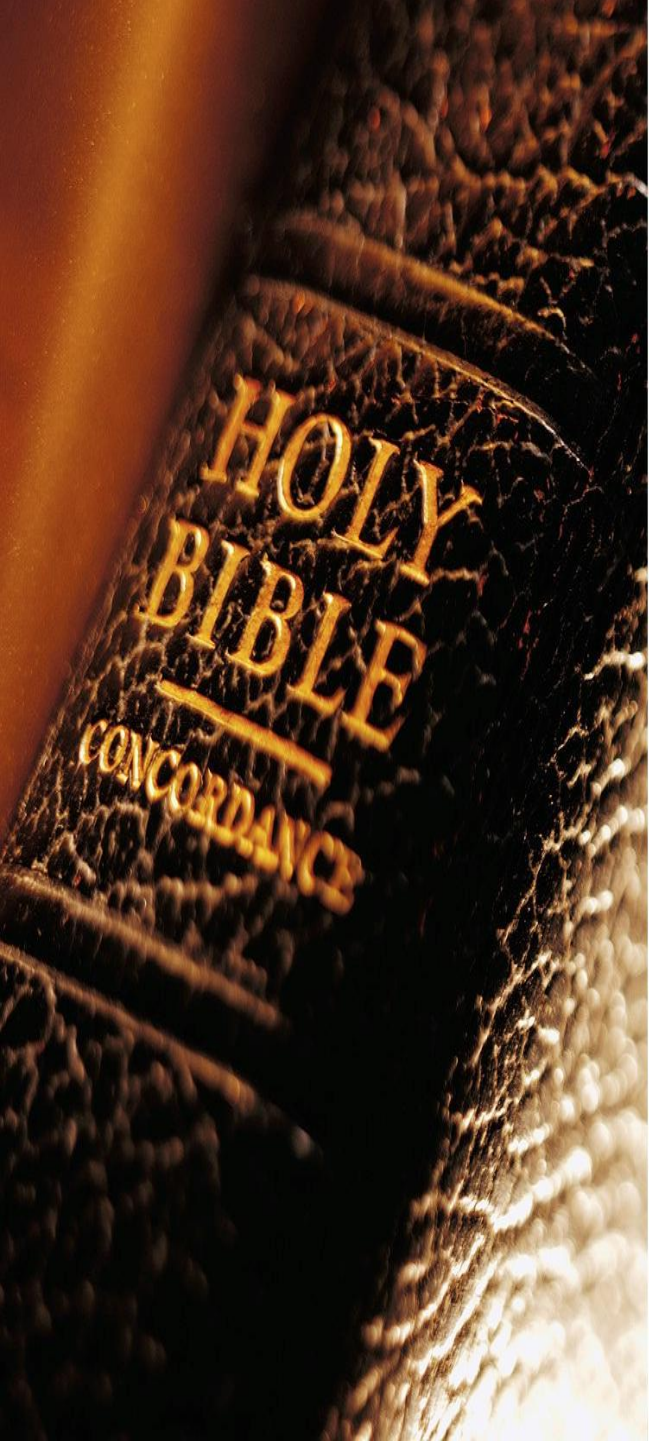


Matthew 7:13-29 (NLT)

¹⁹ So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire.

²⁰ Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.

²¹ “Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.

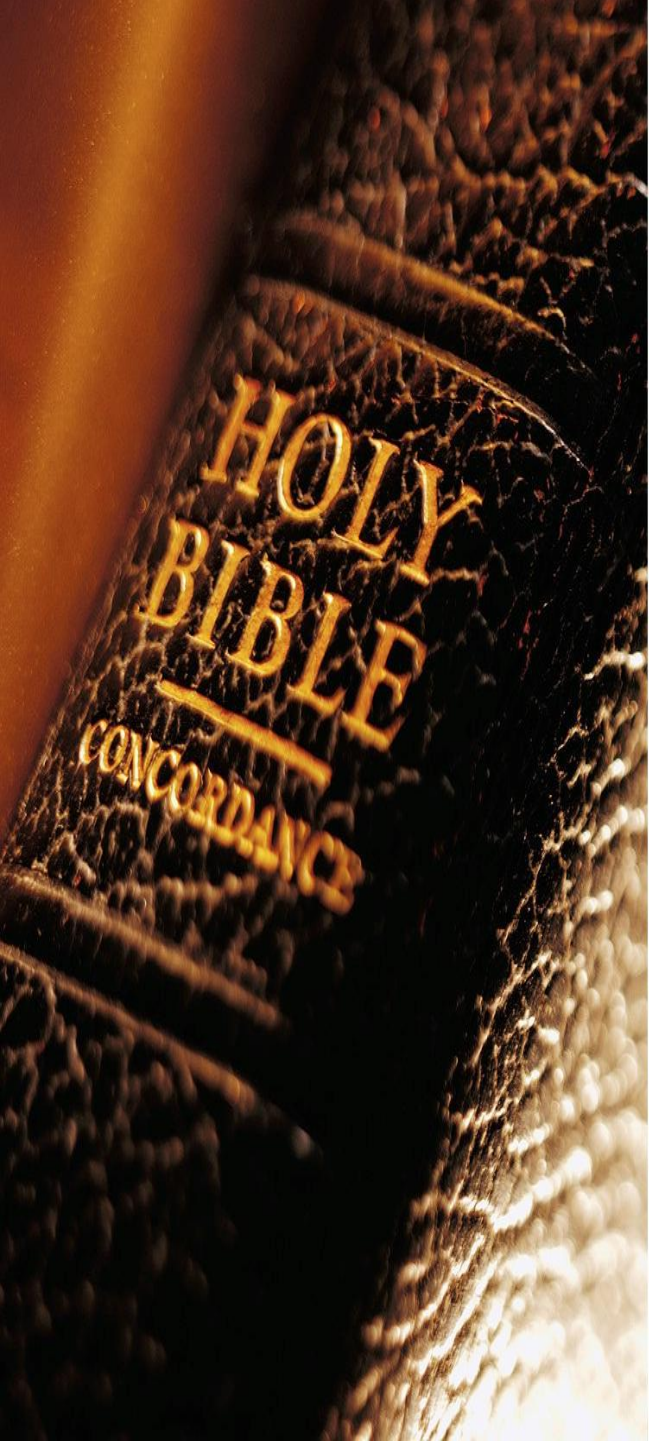


Matthew 7:13-29 (NLT)

²² On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’

²³ But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.’

²⁴ “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.

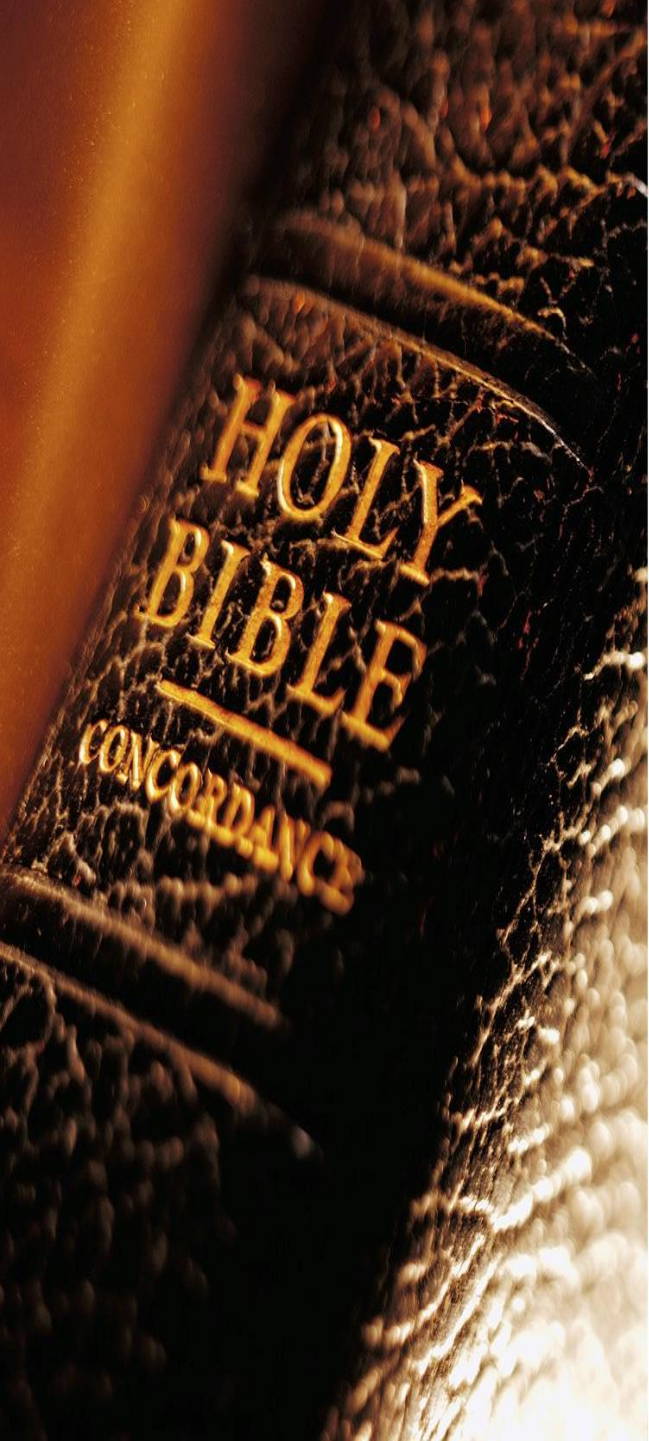


Matthew 7:13-29 (NLT)

²⁵ Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock.

²⁶ But anyone who hears my teaching and ignores it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand.

²⁷ When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”



Matthew 7:13-29 (NLT)

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching,
²⁹ for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.

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Direction
(Matt 7:13-14)

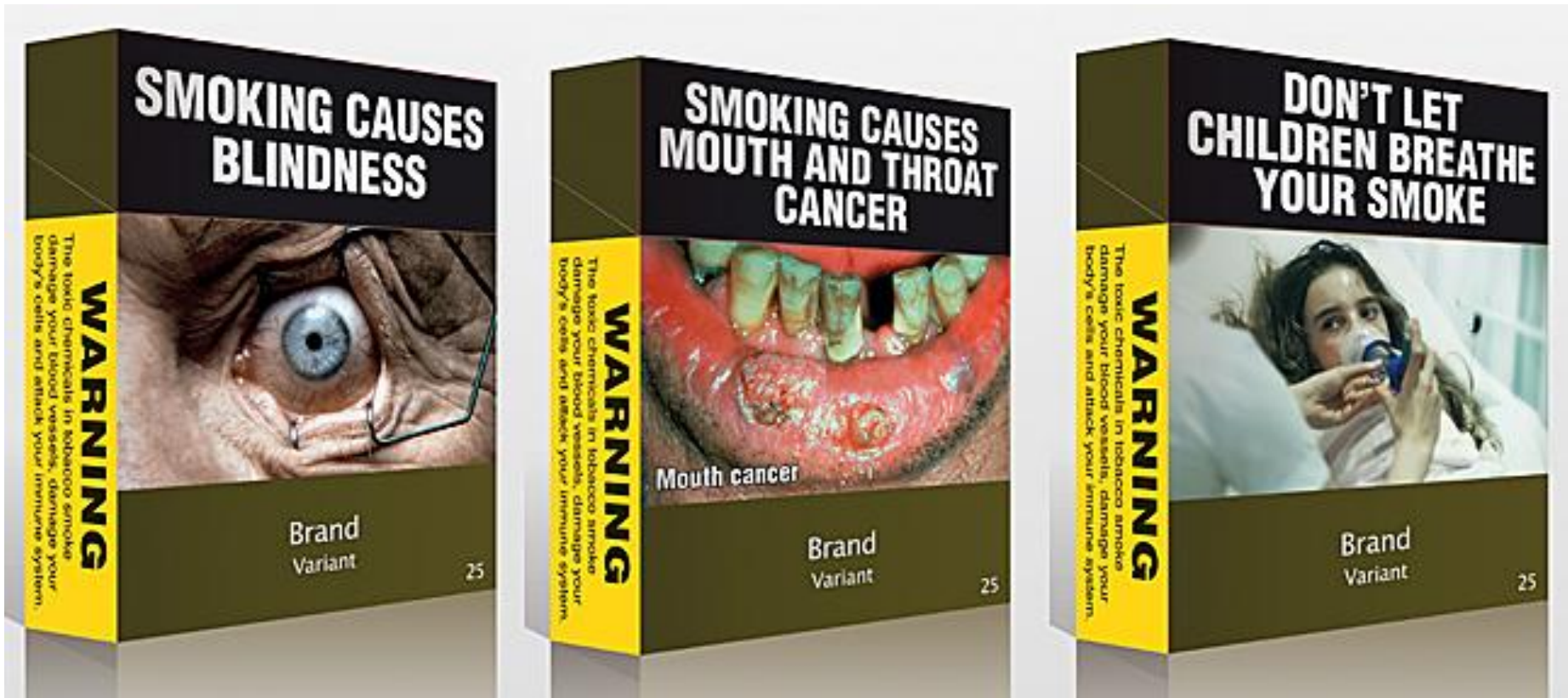


Plantation
(Matt 7:15-23)



Foundation
(Matt 7:24-27)

The Choices of the Kingdom



Australian Initiative to Make Smokers Aware of the Long Term Consequences

Today's Choice Has Lasting Consequences

The Choices of the Kingdom



Direction
(Matt 7:13-14)



Plantation
(Matt 7:15-23)



Foundation
(Matt 7:24-27)

Choices and Consequences

2 gates

2 destinations

2 trees

2 harvests

2 architects

2 outcomes

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Narrow Gate

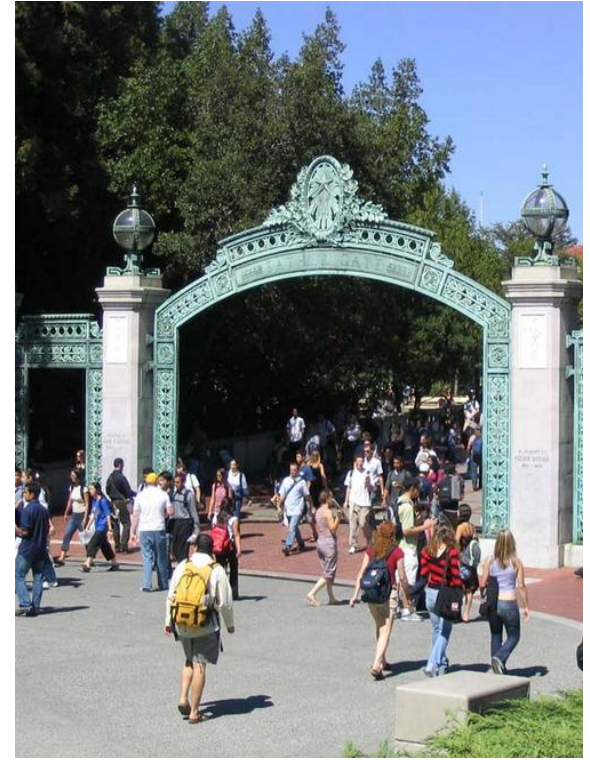
(Matt 7:13,14)

Difficult to Find
(Matt 7:14)

Strive to Enter
(Luke 13:24)

Jesus is Gate
(John 10:9)

Door will Close
(Luke 13:25)

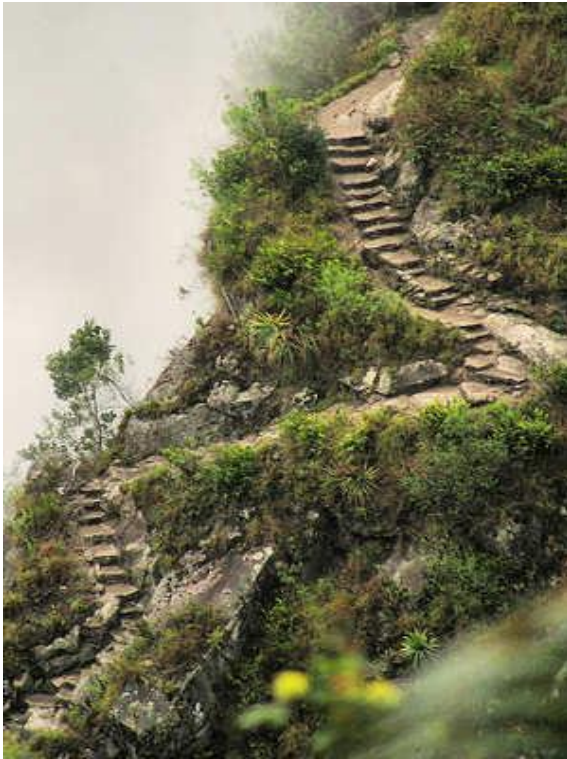


Wide Gate

(Matt 7:13)

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Narrow Way

(Matt 7:13,14)

Difficult Walk
(Matt 7:14)

Servant Way
(John 15:20)

Jesus is Way
(John 14:6)

Way of Cross
(Luke 9:23)



Wide Way

(Matt 7:13)

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Lonely Way

(Matt 7:14)



Crowded Way

(Matt 7:13)

Self Denial

(Luke 9:23)

Give up Life

(Mark 10:39)

Tribulation

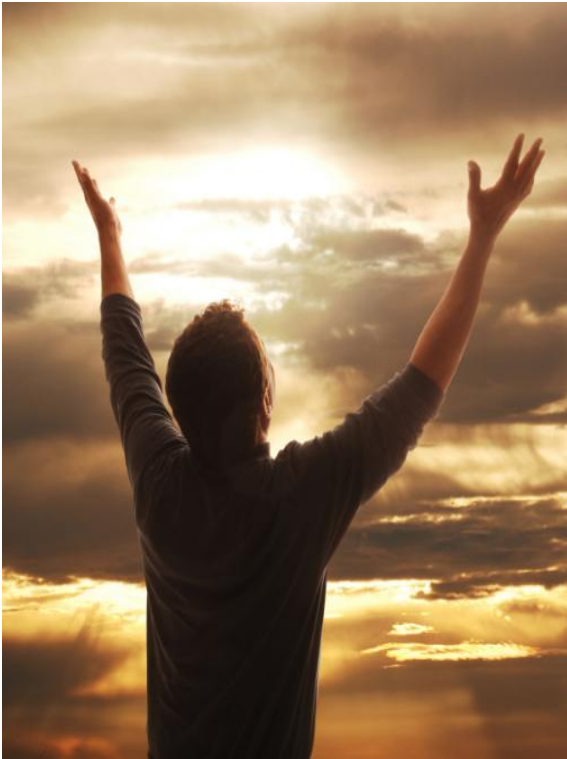
(John 16:33)

The Helper

(John 16:7)

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Life

(Matt 7:14)

Hell

(Matt 13:42)

Heaven

(Matt 13:43)

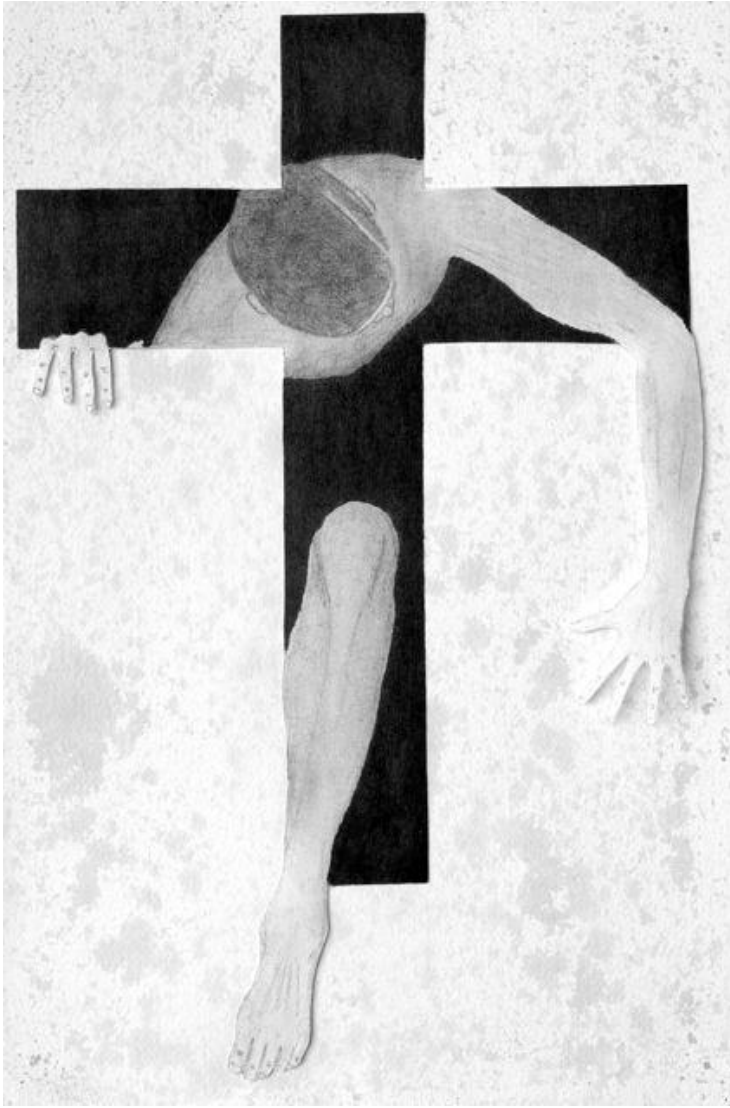


Destruction

(Matt 7:13)

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Enter!

(Matt 7:14)

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