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Jesus spoke a parable in Matthew 7:13-14 He said, "Enter ye in at the strait [narrow] gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Immediately after this he says, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

By putting these two verses together, we see that a false prophet will lead one into the wide gate, the gate that is "comfortable" and affords pleasures in this life. The false prophet will lead "trusting sheep" and then devour them. This is Satan's plan to destroy lives.

Yet, God gives us this scripture to show us that the easy way will not bring life. It is a narrow way. There will be tight places that want to pull you off the righteous path, but you must not be seduced by prophets that mislead you.

These false prophets wink at sin, using the terms like, "God is love" and would never send anyone to hell. And there is truth in that. God does not send anyone to hell. Each person must make a choice to choose God or not. If they choose not to follow God, then their choice is made by themselves to go to hell. God loves us enough to not control our choices.

Remember, the easy way, which is the broad way, is very tempting. It allures us with false promises and deception. Stay on the narrow way, even though it is the roughest path. Remember, Jesus is the shepherd on your narrow path, and he will never lead you wrong.