

1. STRAIT. Definition:

1. A narrow passage which is restricted.
2. A narrow passage connecting two bodies of water. In this instance connection between this earth and heaven.
3. Sometimes indicates distress.

2. Straight. Definition:

1. A line having an invariable direction. Would be straight but broad.
2. May mean properly ordered, correct, unmixed, unmodified of unchanged.

3. Many will seek to enter in and shall not be able. They wish to enter in but cannot because

1. To wish to pass through the narrow door, or strait gate, is not enough. We must strive to enter in.

a. Agonize to enter in. Wrestle, or put forth great effort. Make the sacrifice however great.

4. We note the people who are excluded from this strait way:

1. The indolent. The lazy person who will not strive. Verse 24.

2. The self-righteous. Matt. 5:20; Rom. 10:1-3.
See Matt. 23:23; Luke 18:12.

3. The mere professors. Matt. 7:21; Luke 6:46

4. The immoral and Malicious. Gal. 5:19-21
MALICIOUSNESS: Any act proceeding from ill will. A thing done with wicked intentions or motive

5. The idolater. Matthew 19:24.

6. The unborn. John 3:15. Some day the master will rise up and shut the door;

*1. The conscience now averted. 2. The death of the individual
3. The second coming of Christ*

