



# ***Five Sure Fire Ways to Miss Heaven***

*Sunday Morning Lesson by Ray Reynolds (July 22, 2012)*

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## **Text: Matthew 7:13-14**

Introduction: If we are honest with ourselves, we will agree that most of us prefer the easy way out. When we are in a hurry we prefer the drive thru with fast food, the passing lane, e-mail, and the 20 items or less lane. Sometimes this can be problematic and deceitful. Sometimes people do not take the best way because it is *not* the easiest. What would happen if we missed heaven? We would miss eternity with God, Christ, the Holy Spirit and the angels (**John 14:3, 12:26**). We would miss the eternal rest God has planned for you (**Revelation 14:13**). The ONLY alternative to heaven is to spend eternity with Satan, his angels, and wicked people (**Matthew 25:41, Mark 9:48, Revelation 20:10, Revelation 21:8**). **Matthew 7:13-14** tells us that broad and easy is the way to destruction but narrow and strait, or even difficult, is the way to heaven. What are some sure "fire" ways to miss heaven? Let's study together.....

Discussion:

### ***I. Indulgence***

**Matthew 5:13-16, Romans 12:1-2, James 4:4, I John 2:15-17**

### ***II. Intention***

**Matthew 7:21-28, Hebrews 2:1-3, Ecclesiastes 9:10, James 4:17**

### ***III. Infidelity***

**Romans 10:17, Hebrews 3:12, Hebrews 11:1, 6, Hebrews 12:1-2**

### ***IV. Inactivity***

**Ephesians 4:11-16, Revelation 3:1-4, Matthew 16:24, Matthew 25:41-46**

### ***V. Indifference***

**II Timothy 2:15, Psalm 119:105, Revelation 3:14-17, Matthew 7:21-23**

Conclusion: Do you notice anything specific about the words above? What do these words have in common? We each have a choice. Every person is responsible for their own eternal destiny. Which road are you on? Are you going miss heaven? You can say everything is fine, but God knows your heart. What does he see? Why don't you remove any stumbling block that will hinder you? You don't want to miss heaven!

***WORD OF THE DAY = "HEAVEN"***