

Which Way?

Two men sat behind me, talking loudly. One said, “I’m not looking forward to driving abroad on holiday, as they drive on the wrong side of the road. Why can’t everyone go the same way?”



His words set me thinking. Many Bible passages show us the right way to go in life. The Lord Jesus was emphatic:

Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it (Matthew 7:13–14).

Could his words be any clearer? How are we to join such a favoured company? There is only one way to choose, and most people don’t want to take it. The narrow way may not be easy at times, but the prospect is superb!

Choosing the Right Road

After Jesus’ death, resurrection and ascension to heaven, some three thousand people gladly accepted that way

(Acts 2:41). They were not taking the easy route, but the need to follow Jesus was evident. So much so, that thousands more followed.

Great persecution followed for many believers, and hundreds of Christians went to their deaths, some at the hands of their fellow Jews and many by the Romans. Yet they did so confidently believing that their Saviour would call them from death to a life that no ordinary man could offer.

What did they have to do? It was (and still is) necessary to believe in God and to obey Him.

He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned (Mark 16:16).

It is clear. Believe in God, do what He asks us to do, and be baptised. What is that? It is a complete immersion in water, before witnesses, to show belief and to have sins forgiven.

Keeping on Track

What follows is a life of purpose, committed to serve in humility, and to travel the way towards God’s kingdom on earth. This teaching is consistent throughout the whole of the Bible. For example, we read at the start of the Book of Psalms:

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful... For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish (Psalm 1:1, 6).

It is remarkable that only one man in the history of the world was able to follow these instructions completely, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our perfect example, a pattern to follow. The verse quoted also reminds us that God knows you and me, and how we are 'walking'. When our Lord returns, or at the end of our life, will we be going the right way? The choice is ours and we each make up our own mind, but we can see the importance of a positive answer!

In the Old Testament, there was a man nearing death, who gave this confident expression of his faith:

Behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed (Joshua 23:14).

Joshua had incredible drive and courage throughout his life, and had led God's people into the Promised Land. He had indeed seen God's promises being fulfilled, and could be confident that He would continue to fulfil them. This would give great direction to those who survived Joshua – it can do so for us too.



Taking That Road

How should we react to God's appeal? What should our attitude be and how do we approach God?

David lived a life trying to please God, sometimes failing but doing his best. God was happy to overlook David's failures because his attitude was right. In fact, God described David as 'a man after My own heart' (Acts 13:22).

So, David is well placed to advise us on our relationship with God, for this was his prayer:

Show me Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day (Psalm 25:4-5).

Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies... Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the LORD! (Psalm 27:11, 14).

This means that we, despite being imperfect, weak and failing all too often, can ask the mighty Creator to help. He wants to help us too.

The Lord Jesus Christ made it very clear that there really is only one way that we should choose, only one way to come to God, when he said:

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me (John 14:6).

Which way will we choose?

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