

The Wednesday Word, December 18, 2019: THE RIGHT WAY

"He led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation "Psalm 107: 7.

There is only one way to heaven ... the right way. Unfortunately, the ways that lead to destruction are many (Matthew 7:13). The way to heaven is narrow, but the numerous ways that lead to damnation are broad and thronged with people. Since all of us will die, it would be a smart thing to ask then if we are on the right way to heaven, or on the downward road to hell?

Unfortunately, no question is more irritating to the unbeliever than that one. The unsaved usually shrink from such a query. Perhaps, they do not want to disturb their conscience! They are content with the thought that they are no worse than their neighbours and shall stand as good a chance as any of them. Poor misguided people! It will give them no comfort in the Lake of Fire to discover they were right, ... indeed, they were no worse than their neighbours.

So, what does the Lord Jesus Christ say on this subject? He says, *"Enter in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction"* (Matthew 7: 13-14). I fear that multiplied thousands, deceived by Satan, are on the road to eternal ruin, being fully satisfied in their own minds that they are safe.

Again we read, *"There is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death* (Proverbs 14:12).

But how shall we find "the right way?"

The Lord Jesus Christ answers this with full authority when He declares, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by Me"* (John 14:6). Christ alone is the way to heaven. No church, no sacrament, "no Guru, no method no teacher." Christ alone!

Jesus also announces, *"I am the door: by Me, if any man enters in, he shall be saved"* (John 10:9). Christ is the helpless sinner's only hope. He is the only refuge from the wrath to come.

Again, we read, *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved"* (Acts 4:12).

The Lord Jesus Christ is the right and the only way to eternal glory. We, believers, know that God, by an act of sovereign grace and mercy, enabled us to see our utterly lost condition. By grace, we saw the urgent necessity of fleeing for refuge to Jesus the sinner's only shelter and hiding place from the wrath to come.

By grace, we have been shown that, *"All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags"* and that our best good works need washing in the precious blood of Jesus? We realise that, of ourselves, we are absolutely bankrupt of all power, will, or ability to take a single step towards heaven. We know that, if left to our own strength and guidance, we should be hopelessly lost and ruined forever. But as believers, the Holy Spirit has given us a glimpse of the unutterable value of the Saviour's love and blood. He has created in our souls a burning thirst after our Saviour, a longing which can never be satisfied until we see Jesus as He is.

“Just to see Jesus, once scarred as Redeemer!
Jesus my Lord, from all suffering free;
Just to see Jesus transfigured forever,
That will be glory, be glory for me.”

And that's the Gospel Truth!