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Pathways Pt 1 The path of uprightness

This is our first study from the scriptures on pathways. There are only two paths—uprightness and darkness (Prov.2: 13). In this teaching identify three points— (i) there is a path of the Lord which is righteousness and judgment (ii) the Lord leads his children in the paths of righteousness, and (iii) The Lord keeps the path of judgment and preserves the way of his saints.

1. There is a path of the Lord – righteousness, judgment and equity
“Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not” (Ps.17: 5).

All the paths of the Lord are MERCY and TRUTH unto such as keep his covenant
“All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies” (Ps.25:10).

2. The Lord leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name sake
“He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake” (Ps.23:3).

3. The Lord keeps the path of judgment.
“He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints” (Prov 2:8).

Illustration

The way of a preacher is to beseech those on the path of destruction to turn and receive the Lord Jesus Christ, to believe in the gospel of Christ—crucified that they may enter the narrow path which leads to eternal life. And to exhort those that are on the path to life not to be snared by the pleasures of sin and fall over, and when they do fall, to get up, repent, and not be discouraged, but stay on the path!

Questions of the scriptures

i) How do we keep on the right path? ii) What is the benefit of the good path?

Answers from the scriptures

We keep on the right path—

* By abiding in the word of God's lips are we “kept me from the paths of the destroyer” (Ps.17:4).

* By abiding in the Lord Jesus Christ who is the righteousness of the law to those that believe.

* By walking honestly (Rom.13: 13), walk worthy of God (1 Thes.2: 12), walk in the Spirit (Gal.5: 25), walk by faith (2 Cor.4: 2), and in newness of life (Rom.6L 4).

ii) Our soul is restored as “he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake” (Ps.23:3).

The Lord's paths drop fatness— “Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness” (Ps.65:11).

The path of life in the presence of the Lord is fulness of joy— “Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore” (Ps.16:11).

The pathway of righteousness is life and is no death— “In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death” (Prov.12: 28).

Let us not take our eye of the word of God— as it is our lamp unto our feet on the path to eternal life. Amen!