

Jeremiah 6:16

Our path determines our destination!



Where are you walking? Everyone is on a journey to somewhere. For some, their path leads to earthly pleasures that ultimately result in loss, while for others—a select few—their path leads to a beautiful home in heaven. You might think the choice between the two would be simple: follow the path to heaven.

****God Says****

When God speaks, He does so with the authority of the one true God who created all things. The gospels contain numerous instances where Jesus states, “Only those who have ears to hear can understand.” Only a few individuals were able to grasp the truth in Jesus’ words for eternal life. In the first century, Jesus addressed the people of Judea and declared Himself to be God, one of the three persons of the divine Trinity. His words reflect the will of the Father: “For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment regarding what to say and how to speak. I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore, the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me” (John 12:49-50). If eternal life is found in Jesus’ words, then I am listening!

****Stand by the Ways and Ask****

Jeremiah, the prophet of God, communicated with the people of his time, urging them to follow the right paths—the metaphorical routes individuals take to reach their destinations. God expressed that the people should have listened to the prophet's words.

This message remains relevant today: many are caught up in immorality, greed, and the pursuit of pleasure. The path to heaven requires sincere seekers of the divine to pay attention and seek guidance. In summary, observe where people are headed and strive for the ancient ways.

****The Ancient Paths, Where the Good Way Is****

One might ask, “What does that mean? What are the ancient paths?” In their time, the ancient way was to follow God’s law, which was given through Moses. God had already revealed His law long before the time of Jesus and expected every Jew to adhere to it.

Throughout history, the nation repeatedly chose to stray from God’s laws. To guide them back to the right path, God sent the Assyrians to defeat them, hoping they would learn to embrace the ancient ways. Unfortunately, this correction was short-lived, as they soon put their trust back in false idols. To correct their behavior once more, God sent the Babylonians to conquer them and take them into captivity in Babylon.

Eventually, God permitted them to return and rebuild Jerusalem, but soon they strayed from His teachings again. The prophets continuously warned them to abandon their harmful ways, but they refused to listen.

In summary, God showed them the correct path to attain peace and prosperity—the good, ancient way. He reminded them of their mistakes through the prophets; however, they chose paths that ultimately led to their own destruction.

****Finding Rest In Your Soul****

Every soul needs to feel that their life means something to someone. However, pursuing destructive desires is not the best way to achieve this. Such a path often leaves people feeling hopeless and without divine direction, searching for purpose where none exists.

The only way for anyone to find true rest for their soul and a meaningful life is by following the path that God has laid out. This is the only path that leads to Him and the abundant eternal life in heaven.

****The Result****

You know how the people responded to His direction? They said they will not do it.

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