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Topic: The way of the Wayfaring men (Message Summary)

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After the fall of man, the majority of the World has gone in their own way, doing what seems

right to them. It is a way for the pilgrims, the old way, the ancient path. However, there are

those who have sought a different way. It is an old way that they who will make it to the end

must follow. Noah sought that way; Enoch sought that way. The righteous find it. All who

have good report according to Hebrews 11 have found this way.

Jeremiah 6:16 KJV Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths,

where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We

will not walk therein.

This verse implies that there is a singular way that leads to rest for our souls. "Where is the

good way?" is a guestion that should be asked by everyone who would work in this way. The

journey is from Him and back to him. Sometimes people stray from that way and God in his

mercy bring them back. This meditation will focus on the people this way.

Key Scripture: Isaiah 35.

Isaiah 34 speaks of the judgment of God or the wrought of God towards Edom which

symbolizes the World. Immediately after this, he began to write to a people who made it out

of this judgment, they who were ransomed from the midst of this judgment. Isaiah 35:8 shows

that the people of this way are called the wayfaring men. The wayfaring men are simply those

who are committed to walking the road. The way is the way of holiness. Acts 9:1-2 and 24:14

shows that those who are unlearned and against the way in misunderstanding, persecute

those of the way. This is normal. The people of the way are always persecuted, hated and

despised. Anyone who will walk in this way must have this settled in their heart. You cannot

be a friend of this world. In the time of Jesus, even the religious leaders were the champions

of this persecution. If a person is fearful, they cannot survive in this way. The way is in the

wilderness, where very few people live. Why in the wilderness? This is the place, where the

men of God are brought forth, John 1:23. In the beginning, Christians were not called Christians. They were called the people of the way. 2 Peter 2:2-3, 21-22 shows that this way of truth will be ill spoken of by people who have strayed away from the right way. This is the way it has always been. Whenever the disciples moved to a different city, it was the Jews that persecuted them. Therefore, Jesus called them the synagogue of Satan. We are approaching the time where the enemy of a man shall be one from his own household, Matthew 10:36. The only way not to fall into this is to keep moving in this way. The moment we become static; darkness will overcome. The wayfarers are always moving and on pilgrimage. They seek no city here, but the one to come.

Back to Isaiah 35, the word used for highway here is mas-lool'. This is gotten from the root word 'Salal" which means to lift up. This means the way is an upward call. The unclean cannot go there, therefore we must stand against anything unclean, whether in thoughts or in deed. So long as the Holy Spirit is in you, He will raise an alarm whenever there is anything unclean. Uncleanliness is also translated from leprosy, but even the leprous can be clean by the high priest, Matthew 8:1-4. These wayfaring men are not oppressors, or ravenous beasts as the verse says, no lion or ravenous beast shall be on the way. They are the redeemed.

## What are the characteristics of these way farers?

1. They are men that came out of the judgement of God: The way of righteousness had been abandoned because men doing what seems right to them. Yet, there are a people who will be light amid this darkness. These men have learned to fear God, having understood the wrought and the judgement of God. They are ready to continue in this fear to prolong His days on earth. These are inquiring amid the widely embraced darkness, "Lord where is that Way?". In every move of God, there are those who are burdened for the evil amid them. They seek this way. It was said of Jesus that he prayed and was heard because he feared. May the Lord return us to the old way

where men learn to fear God. In the time of Ananias and Sapphira, they saw the judgement of God, Acts 5:1-11. If we are not in the way, we'd become wonderers and vagabonds. Two kinds of people came out of Egypt: the wayfarers and the vagabond. From the time they came out, the Lord called them a mixed multitude, Exodus 12:38. They are wonderers whose lot is to be buried in the wilderness. However, the wayfarers shall be glad in the wilderness. Only the wayfarers can know the blossoming of the desert. Only God can do this, transforming a desert into a fruitful ground, rejoicing with Joy and singing, Isaiah 35:10.

- 2. The wayfaring men are people that know where they are coming from and their destination. Jesus typifies them saying in John 8:14 that he knew from where he is coming and where he is going to. They keep their eyes on the Lord and hold to his promise and so they will not stray away.
- 3. They are a people that follow the Lamb wherever He leads. They know how to follow directions. This is a way they have not known before, yet their mind is occupied with the little they know about it, and it is what they talk about. They talk about the coming of the Lord. They keep the truth regarding His coming, they keep the word of Hos patience, Revelations 3:10. They know where they are coming from and where they are going, but they do not know the intricacies of this journey, so they must depend on one who leads them. God in bringing people of Israel out knew where he was taking them, however, it looked like Moses did not know what he was doing, leading them amid mountains and having the sea in front of them, Exodus 14. However, because these wayfarers know the one who is leading, they will go and inquire to know what to do and when they do this, the Lord will speak clearly to them, Isaiah 30:21. Hebrews 11:13-15 shows an example of these wayfarers who left everything, not even imagining or being mindful of the things they had left. For this reason, they are rewarded with a city built by God.

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4. They are a separated people. They are jealous about their identity with Christ and boast about no other identity. What separates them is that they have a heart for the Word of God. They adore and tremble at the Word of God, Isaiah 66:1-2. Anywhere they see the Word of God get preached, their spirit man is excited about it. They tremble at the Word of God and never treat it flippantly. May we be men and women that tremble at His word, not man or people.

The Word of God to us is that Jesus is coming again. He left to prepare the way for us, praying for us and interceding always. He is also coming again to take us to Himself, that where He is, we will be also. May we be found in the way at His coming.

And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

Isaiah 30:21 KJV

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with your spirit. Amen.