

Which Road Will You Choose?

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Introduction: God has given us the incredible gift of choice.

A. It can be said that God has chosen us as a people. We are the “elect.”

(1 Pt 1:1-2; Rom 8:29)

1. Before you begin to give yourselves any credit, remember the basis on which God makes choices. **(Deut 7:7-9)**

2. We are the elect because we have chosen to deny self and be born again.

B. Many of you stand at some life determining crossroads.

1. Some will soon marry and begin a home.

2. Others will leave school for a new job and maybe a new city.

3. These changes are both exciting and frightening.

4. We can choose God and in that we will choose life! **(Deut 30:19-20)**

I. Choose the King's Highway

A. There is a prophecy of the King's Highway for our age! **(Isa 35:8-10)**

1. Our society's economic progress can be measured in the development of the roads.

2. More importantly we as sheep need a shepherd who will show us where to go, feed us and protect us. **(1 Pt 2:25)**

3. We must have a humble heart that will put the Lord's council and ways first! We must always be teachable.

4. You may choose another road and in so doing another destination.

(Isa 56:4-5; 66:4-5)

B. You must understand and identify the people of God.

1. Many efforts have been made to instruct you in this area.

2. The church is rightly called “the way.” **(Acts 19:23; 24:22)**

3. There has not been a greater challenge in my lifetime in the need to see where a particular church is heading. Some are moving to less teaching.

4. When you make a choice concerning where to live, does the Lord's way come first? This is a way of holiness. **(Isa 35:8)**

II. Chose the King's people

A. This highway is a limited access highway. No unclean and unredeemed are allowed on it. **(Isa 35:8-9)**

1. Our fellowship in the way is limited.

2. Should we call one a brother who is an unbaptized believer?

(Mk 16:16; Rom 6:3; Gal 3:27)

3. Several new groups like “the church in Birmingham” have teachers that boldly advocate brotherhood with popular Calvinist preachers like Francis Chan, David Platt and Timothy Keller.

4. A compromise of fellowship will in time lead to a compromise of teaching. **(1 Cor 5:6-7; 2 Jn 9)**
- B. Make the people closest to you God's people.
1. Who should you marry? **(1 Pt 3:7; 1 Cor 9:5)**
 2. Who should be your closest friends? **(Prov 12:26; Prov 3:31-35)**
 3. Remember what you have seen and learned here. Having other brother and sisters in Christ that look out for you makes a world of difference.

III. The King's highway is simple enough to find and follow

- A. "Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray." **(Isa 35:8)**
1. We must fight the pride that can come with human education. **(Mt 11:25)**
 2. The church is becoming infected with men who insist that you follow the latest popular Theologian. The same existed in Paul's day. **(1 Cor 1:17-19)**
- B. Consider how some attempt to intimidate brethren who wish to stand upon what *God delivered*.
1. One preacher, rather than showing from the Bible what to believe instead quoted many theologians and made disparaging remarks about brethren.
 2. Recently one of this man's disciples enthusiastically shared this quote:
"God said it, I believe it, that settles it"...Uhhh...no...God said it, someone translated it into your language divorcing it from its own culture, you read it with a preconceived belief lens, then interpreted it and became convinced in your heart you knew what meant even though it bore no resemblance to the original audience or culture it was spoken into to begin with..."
 3. This study proclaims that the Bible was not authoritative! It proclaims you cannot understand *without the help of other men!*
 4. The purpose of this study is to let Jesus and His apostles show us how to respect and understand His will. **(Eph 3:3-5; 5:17)**
 5. Please do not let men *take your Bible from you!*

IV. The King's Highway is a safe way

- A. God will shield us from lions and wild beasts. **(Isa 35:9)**
1. We need "the hands of the Lord" protecting us. **(Isa 59:1-2)**
 2. Please do not be affected with the arrogant spirit that mocks warnings of danger. Satan will not make discernment easy.
- B. A careful pursuit of that which is clearly right is the only way to live. **(Prov 1:29-30)**
1. The more you stay in God's word and associate with God's people, the more you will be able to see danger coming.
 2. You also will learn how to develop the fruit of the Spirit.
 3. Please do not exit the King's Highway until you reach heaven. **(Heb 10:35-39)**

Conclusion: Let our times here be a taste of heaven to come!