

## ALONG THE HIGHWAYS OF THE BIBLE

(Scripture - Isaiah 35)

Introduction: Great national road bldg. program.

### I. Bloody Highways of the Nation

1. Murder on the highways,  
Judges 20:31, "The children of Benjamin went out against the people, and they began to kill in the highways."  
More people were killed on highways of U.S. during world war II than were killed on our global battle-fronts.  
2 Kings 9:20 - "He drives furiously"
2. Need for caution and safety.
3. Sanctity of human life in the Christian philosophy in particular and in the moral law in general.
4. Imanuel Kant said two things filled him with awe,  
the starry firmament above and the moral law within.

### II. The Crowded Highway to Hell

1. Mt. 7:13, "Broad is the way that leads to destruction and many there be which go in thereat."
2. It is crowded because:
  - A. It is a popular way
  - B. It is an easy way
  - C. It appeals to man's pride  
(Someone said "one of the smallest packages we ever saw was a man wholly wrapped up in himself."
3. Its end and destination is destruction & hell
4. This highway must be avoided at all costs

### III. The Highway of Salvation through Christ

1. Isa. 40:3, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."
2. Jesus is called the Way, Jn. 14:6
  - A. The Way to Heaven.
  - B. Way or Example of holy living.

Acts 9:2; 22:4.

3. Ps. 16:11, "Thou wilt show me the path of life"
4. In taking Christ as the way of salvation, we must do so by faith and personal experience before trying to rationalize. Dr. Arthur Eddington of Cambridge discusses an example of this as follows:

"I am standing on the threshold about to enter a room. It is a complicated business.

In the first place, I must shove against an atmosphere pressing with a force of 14 pounds on every square inch of my body.

I must make sure of landing on a plank traveling at 20 miles a second around the sun.

I must do this while hanging from a round planet head outward in space, and with a wind of ether blowing at no one knows how many miles a second through every part of my body.

The plank has no solidity of substance.

To step on it is like stepping on a swarm of flies. Shall I not slip through?

Verily, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a scientific man to pass through a door.

And whether this door be barn door or a church door, it would be wiser that he should consent to be an ordinary man and walk in rather than wait until all the scientific difficulties are resolved."

5. Christ is the door to salvation, and we must step through this door by faith, whether or not we understand all about how he saves us.

#### IV. The Bible says much about HIGHWAYS OF SERVICE FOR CHRIST

1. Recruiting for Christ along the highways of life.

Mt. 22:9 and Luke 14:23, "Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage."

2. We should be busy sowing the gospel seed along the wayside, Mt. 13:4

3. We have many opportunities to serve the needy and blind along the highways of life.

A. Mk. 10:46, "Bartimaeus sat by the highway side begg." B. Hymn. "Out in the highways and byways of life.

Many are weary and sad;

Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,  
Making the sorrowing glad

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4. We must invest our influence for Christ.

A. In this life

B. After death, through legal wills.

(1). Leave at least a tithe of your estate for the Lord's work.

(2). Protect God's share against Heir raids.

5. Observe the spiritual signs along the highways of life.

A. Detour - dangerous pitfall ahead.

Temptations - "go around"

→ B. Slow - take time - "Take Time to Be Holy"

On any normal day of worship there are at least 100 million citizens of this country who are totally unconcerned. Only 26% of protestant church members are present in their churches on Sunday morning. What could be done if only 26% of the employees appeared at office or shop -- or if you appeared only 26% of the time agreed upon?

"Sleeping in" on Sun. a.m., habitually hanging a "vacancy" sign on one's pew, is an indication that rigor mortis of the soul is about to set in.

→ C. Watch Out For Children --

Special responsibility to give gospel to children. Sunday School, B.T.U., Youth Aux., & D.V.B.S.

→ D. Merging Traffic - Merging of Christian & Non-Xtn phil  
Need to chart own pathway with God.

He will never leave you alone.

He will always be with you. Never doubt this. To you who ask, "How can I know God will be with me along the highways of life?" may I leave the story of the little boy flying a kite so high that it was literally out of sight. A man asked the boy, "How do you know the kite is there at all?" The boy's reply was: "I feel the pull of it." Through every circumstance you can say "I know God is there because I feel the

tug of the infinite on my heart and life!"

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The changes that children go  
through as they grow —

- the terrible twos
- " trusting threes
- " frustrating fours
- " fascinating fives, and
- " sociable sixes