Led By the Right Way

God is trying to lead you today to heaven and he is trying to lead you by the right way. Psalm 107:7 speaks of God leading Israel to her rest-land: "And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation" (KJV).

So, what according to God's word, is the "right" (lit. "straight") way to go in life? First, the "right" way is singular in number. There is just one way to go to heaven and that is through obedience to Jesus Christ (John 14:6). Second, the "right" way is not always the pleasant way. There will be persecution alone the way (Matthew 5:10-12). Third, the "right" way is often the lonely way. Many will separate from us who do not want to go this way (2 Timothy 4:10).

What else do we know about this way? Fourth, the "right" way is quite costly. We will have to sacrifice (Matthew 16:24). Fifth, the "right" way is not found in ourselves. The way is found in reading God's word (Psalm 119:104-105). Sixth, the "right" way is narrow. It is a life restricted to God's word (Matthew 7:13-14).

Finally, the "right" way is a careful way (Acts 18:25-26), a knowable way (Acts 24:22; 26:26), and a most rewarding way (Hebrews 10:20).

Will you let God lead you to your heavenly rest (Hebrews 4:9) and to your heavenly city (Heb. 11:16), just like he led Israel of old to Canaan land? - *Chris Reeves*

News & Notes

Please mark your calendar with the following important dates...

Feb. 18: Song practice; 5 pm; church building

Feb. 24: Ladies' Bible class; 11 am; Reeves' house

April 5-8: Gospel meeting with John Gentry

June 4-8: VBS (tentative)

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. - 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 - What would you consider to be the greatest things on earth today? Would it be one of the "7 wonders" of the world, like the Great Pyramid of Giza?

Would the greatest things on earth be one the technological advancements of men, like the moon landing, the Internet, or the cell phone?

Would the greatest things on earth be one of the philosophies of great thinkers, like Plato, Thomas Aquinas, or John Locke?

Would the greatest things on earth be one of the gifts of philanthropists, like Warren Buffett, Bill Gates, or Michael Bloomberg?

No, as important as some of these things are, these are not really the greatest things on earth. Here, taken from the Bible, are the 7 greatest things on earth:

The Greatest Possession

The greatest possession you own is not some material item bought with your money. The greatest possession is your own soul – it has the greatest potential for good (Ecclesiastes 12:7; Luke 12:20; James 1:21; I Peter 1:22). Your soul is the very thing that Jesus came and died in order to save (Matthew 6:26).

The Greatest Problem

The greatest problem is not world hunger, poverty, lack of education or health care, natural disasters, overpopulation, national debt, etc. The greatest problem is your sin – it has the greatest potential of harm (Genesis 3:1ff; Romans 3:23; 6:23; 1 John 3:4; 5:17). Your sin will separate you from God, now, and in all eternity (Isaiah 59:1-2).

The Greatest Price

The greatest price paid was not for some expensive item, like art, a car, a house, a diamond, etc. The greatest purchase price paid was the blood of Jesus on the cross – it has the greatest ability to cleanse (Matthew 26:26-28; 27:24; Romans 3:25; 5:9; Ephesians 1:7; 2:13; Hebrews 9:12,14; I John 1:7; Revelation 1:5; 5:9). Jesus blood is the only thing that will cleanse us of our sins in baptism (1 Peter 1:19).

The Greatest Power

The greatest power is not natural or manmade, like a hurricane or nuclear power. The greatest power is the gospel of truth – it has the greatest ability to enlighten and liberate (Romans 1:16; I Corinthians 15:1-2; I Timothy 1:10). The gospel truth can set us free from sin, ignorance, prejudice, worldliness, etc. (John 8:32).

The Greatest Principle

The greatest principle to live by is not util-

izing your maximum potential, selfpreservation, etc. The greatest principle is your love – it has the greatest capacity to change the world for good (John 3:16; 15:12-13; 1 Corinthians 13:13; 1 John 3:16; 4:8ff). Your love can bring you to obey God and to serve your fellow-man (Matthew 22:37-39).

The Greatest People

The greatest people are not the rich, the famous, the altruistic, the worldleaders, the war generals, etc. The greatest people are the Lord's church – they are the special object of Christ's love (Ephesians 1:23; 2:16,19-21; 3:10; 4:4; 5:23 -27). God loves all mankind, but he saves only those who obey him and those whom he adds to his church (Acts 2:47).

The Greatest Person

The greatest person is not a man or woman. The greatest person is God – he is King Most High over all the earth; his court is <u>the</u> Supreme Court (Psalm 47; 95:6; Ecclesiastes 12:13-15; Isaiah 45:9; Romans 1:25; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 20:11). When the judgment day comes, we will not stand before men or women. We will stand before the judgment seat of Jesus Christ. Are you ready for that day (2 Corinthians 5:10?

- Chris Reeves -