

MODES, MINDS, MOUTHS & MISSION

Highways Of The Lord

Deut 14:2; 26:18-19; 28:1 *For you are a holy people [set apart] to the Lord your God; and the Lord has chosen you to be a peculiar people to Himself, **above** all the nations on the earth....And the Lord has declared this day that you are His peculiar people as He promised you, and you are to keep all His commandments; And He will make **you high above** all nations which He has made, in praise and in fame and in honor, and that you shall be a holy people to the Lord your God, as He has spoken.....IF YOU will listen diligently to the voice of the Lord your God, being watchful to do all His commandments which I command you this day, the Lord your God will set you **high above** all the nations of the earth.*

- The scriptures are full of references to height [high & lows] with regards to spiritual purpose, perspective, posturing and positioning.
- Prior to going into the promised land God used the term above to signify the purpose, perspective, posturing and positioning Israel was to have in comparison to all other nations.
- Wekklesia are the called out/separated ones who are to have a purpose, perspective, posture and position above all other nations.

Isa 40:3 *A voice of one who cries: Prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord [clear away the obstacles]; make straight and smooth in the desert a highway for our God!*

Matt 3:3 *This is he who was mentioned by the prophet Isaiah when he said, The voice of one crying in the wilderness (shouting in the desert), Prepare the road for the Lord, make His highways straight (level, direct)*

- In ancient days, it was customary for kings to travel on ways that had been prepared before them. Crews would go before the king removing stones that were on the way, they'd fill in ditches and ruts created by runoff and they'd level any mounds that had built up. As the road was made accessible it was clear sailing for the king to travel upon to his destination.
- It was also customary for the king to take a display of his riches [glory] with him to disperse amongst chosen citizens of his domain. Kings were usually accompanied with treasure chests of silver, gold, fine linen, silk, spices, etc. A person's life could and would be changed forever if and when the king visited his house and determined to supply all his needs according to his riches in glory.
- Jesus never travels until the way has been prepared before Him and it is our responsibility to prepare His way.
- As this is done the King comes into His house [which we are] and the riches of His glory is revealed to, in and through us.

Is 35:8-10 *And a highway shall be there, and a way; and it shall be called the Holy Way. The unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for the redeemed; the wayfaring men, yes, the simple ones and fools, shall not err in it and lose their way. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk on it. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing, and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

- The highway spoken of in this passage is the way God travels on into our lives.
- This highway is called the way of holiness. This word way is the Hebrew word "Derek" which means: road, distance, journey, manner, direction, habit, course of life.
- Holiness is the Hebrew word "qodesh" which means apartness, sacredness, separateness, of God, of places, of things, set-apartness.

- Wekklesia are the private property of the Lord of hosts, distinctly set apart and who have a purpose, perspective, posture and position above all other nations.

Prov 4:18-23 *But the path of the [uncompromisingly] just and righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines more and more (brighter and clearer) until [it reaches its full strength and glory in] the perfect day [to be prepared] The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble. My son, attend to my words; consent and submit to my sayings. Let them not depart from your sight; keep them in the center of your heart. For they are life to those who find them, healing and health to all their flesh. Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.*

- A path is a way or track laid down for walking or made by continual treading, the direction in which a person or thing moves, a course of action or conduct. It is like a habit that we return to time and again.
- In order to walk in the full light/glory of the perfect day, we must prepare the paths that will lead us there. How do we do that?
- The word picture describing the path of the righteous is that of a day getting brighter until the sun is directly overhead, so that regardless of where one looks, there is fullness of light. When the day is perfect, that is high noon, the only darkness to be found is the darkness of one's own shadow and that is underfoot!

- These paths are created by each of us through repeated thought patterns. Once the mental path is established in the mind, a roadway is provided upon which the things we think upon access our lives.
- Consistently held thoughts, beliefs, behaviours, etc. become our state of being. Once these are firmly established, we without effort, think these thoughts, live of these beliefs and demonstrate these behaviours.

- From this we can infer the following;
 - If we are to enjoy the blessing of having the way we travel getting brighter, we must stay on the correct path.
 - The path to fulfilling one's destiny in God is paved through the mind.
 - The path in the mind will manifest in time.
 - A habitual thought will produce a consistent result.
 - One's course of life will reflect one's consistent thought patterns.
 - No one ever exceeds the boundaries of their own thoughts.

- Those who walk this highway will not be hampered and/or harassed with unclean and wayward thoughts.

Phil 2:12 *Therefore, my dear ones, as you have always obeyed [my suggestions], so now, not only [with the enthusiasm you would show] in my presence but much more because I am absent, work out (cultivate, carry out to the goal, and fully complete) your own salvation with reverence and awe and trembling (self-distrust, with serious caution, tenderness of conscience, watchfulness against temptation, timidly shrinking from whatever might offend God and discredit the name of Christ).*

Jas 1:21 *So get rid of all uncleanness and the rampant outgrowth of wickedness, and in a humble (gentle, modest) spirit receive and welcome the Word which implanted and rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to save your souls.*

- Salvation always is in reference to the soul [mind, will & emotions] so the fact that it has to be worked out is a clear indication that salvation is already within us.
- The soul is saved by the deposit of God's Word implanted and rooted, engrafted in us.

Mind Sounds & Sound Minds

Job 6:18 *The paths of their way are turned aside; they go to nothing, and perish.*

- Nothing is the Hebrew word “tohuw” which means: formlessness, confusion, unreality, emptiness, nothingness, wasteland, wilderness, place of chaos, vanity.
- The confusion, unreality, emptiness, chaos, vanity, etc. that we are see in ourselves, xtndom and the world is a result of taking a wrong path.

Rom 12:2 *Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].*

Rom 8:7 *[That is] because the mind of the flesh [with its carnal thoughts and purposes] is hostile to God, for it does not submit itself to God's Law; indeed it cannot.*

Eph 4:27 *Leave no [such] room or foothold for the devil [give no opportunity to him].*

Jas 1:8 *[For being as he is] a man of two minds (hesitating, dubious, irresolute), [he is] unstable and unreliable and uncertain about everything [he thinks, feels, decides].*

- It is by the constant renewing of our minds that we are transformed into His image, so it is most important for us to continue on the path of being lifted into the Spirit and purified from the thoughts of the carnal mind, every step of the way.
- One gives place to the devil/enemy through thoughts. The portion of our minds that have not been renewed remain hostile/opposed of God.
- To the extent the mind is not possessed by Christ, to that extent it is unsound and dysfunctional [carnal & confused].
- To the extent that a mind is possessed by Christ to that extent it is sound, restored to its spiritual senses.

• **2 Tim 1:7** *For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind*

- These verses underline the personal responsibility each of us has for fulfilling the mission God has purposed for us.
- Sound is the Greek word “sophronismos” which means: an admonishing or calling to soundness of mind, to moderation and self-control. This word comes from a root word “sophronizo” which means: to restore one to his senses, to moderate, control, curb, discipline, to hold one to his duty, to admonish or exhort earnestly.
- According to the definition we must moderate, control, curb and discipline our minds. To moderate means to reside over. A moderator is one who guides, governs and points things in a particular direction, sees to it that things go as planned.
- Every Christson must become the moderator of his/her own minds. Each of us is responsible to stand guard at the entry gate of his mind to ensure that it doesn't go off course.

- Most believers are unaware of this fact and therefore tend to be very casual or loose concerning the thoughts they allow to occupy their mind. Casual thinking produces casualties.
- If we don't guard our minds we will soon discover that the mind will wander off on wayward path iof carnal thoughts, images and suggestions which leads confusion, unreality, emptiness, chaos, vanity, etc. and ultimately to disruption, destruction and death.

GodSpeak

Josh 1:8 *This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success.*

Psa 19:14 *Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.*

Prov 18:21 *Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life].*

Matt 12:37 *For by your words you will be justified and acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned and sentenced.*

- Notice the relationship between the mouth and meditation [the mind].
- We eat the fruit of our words because the mind hears every word that comes out of our mouths.

Heb 1:3 *He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God's] nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty word of power. When He had by offering Himself accomplished our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on high,*

- God is a speaking God. His Word brought creation into being and He upholds all things by the word of His power.
- God rules through His Word and man was created to rule the world through the incarnated and spoken Word of God. That is why the Scriptures say *let the redeemed of the Lord say so.* **Psa 107:2**

Psa 107:2 *I have set watchmen upon your walls, O Jerusalem; They must never be silent day or night. They must remind the LORD of his promises And never let him forget them.*

- Watchmen are admonished not to keep silent because anything can happen if we fail to speak. Mans' dominion is contingent upon being and speaking God's Word.

Remembering God's Word

Psa 63:1-6 *You are my God, earnestly will I seek You; my inner self thirsts for You, my flesh longs and is faint for You, in a dry and weary land where no water is. So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary to see Your power and Your glory. Because Your loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. So will I bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. My whole being shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips When I **remember** You upon my bed and meditate on You in the night watches.*

Psa 103:2 *Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul, and **forget not** [one of] all His benefits.*

- Remember is the Hebrew word Zach are which means: to recall, call or be brought to mind, to be brought to remember, be thought, remind, to mention, to record, to make a memorial.
- We remember the Lord my God establishing his principles in our mind. We are to call to mind his greatness, plus remind ourselves at all times of His intentions towards us.

Isa 55:11 *So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*

Jer 1:4-12 *Then the word of the Lord came to me [Jeremiah], saying, Before I formed you in the womb I knew [and] approved of you [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated and set you apart, consecrating you; [and] I appointed you as a prophet to the nations. Then said I, Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am only a youth.*

But the Lord said to me, Say not, I am only a youth; for you shall go to all to whom I shall send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Be not afraid of them [their faces], for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.

Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. See, I have this day appointed you to the oversight of the nations and of the kingdoms to root out and pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.

Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Jeremiah, what do you see? And I said, I see a branch or shoot of an almond tree [the emblem of alertness and activity, blossoming in late winter].

Then said the Lord to me, You have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it.

- Who is the Lord's mouth today?
- Anytime God speaks it becomes our responsibility to speak God's Word back to Him. We are to remind the Lord of His promises. It is as we remind "return" His Word back to Him, that His promise to perform it kicks in and it will not return void [empty, in vain, without effect].

- We minister unto the Lord by speaking His Word.

- God is not moved by our pain, problems or passions. God is moved by HIS Word!

2 Cor 1:20 *For as many as are the promises of God, they all find their Yes [answer] in Him [Christ]. For this reason we also utter the Amen (so be it) to God through Him [in His Person and by His agency] to the glory of God.*

- Every promise of God is YES in Christ Jesus who is the living and anointed Word.

- Amen simply means "so be it." Our amen to God's "yes in Christ" is the process God uses to renew and possess our minds [save our soul].

Ex 32:11-13 *But Moses besought the Lord his God, and said, Lord, why does Your wrath blaze hot against Your people, whom You have brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, For evil He brought them forth, to slay them in the mountains and consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and change Your mind concerning this evil against Your people. [Earnestly] **remember** Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self and said to them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give to your seed, and they shall inherit it forever.*

- The key word in Moses' ministry unto the Lord was "remember". Moses wasn't tried to boss God or tell Him what to do. Rather, he was reminding God of something that he had previously spoken. Moses knew the mind of the Lord, he wasn't counselling God out of his own will. Remember that God works all things after the Council of His will.

1 Cor 2:16 *For "who has known the mind of the Lord?" "Who will instruct [teach] Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.*

- Instruct is the Greek word "sumbibazo" which means to cause to coalesce. Coalesce means to come together to form one whole.

- No one has the right to instruct [counsel] God until he is first come together with God in the same mind.

- We are to remind God of His Word, but we can't do that if we haven't heard and don't know His Word.

- Years ago I questioned the Lord "what on earth are you doing?" I sensed God's response was "you tell me!"

- Having and knowing the mind of Christ qualifies us to stand in God's presence, to boldly remind Him of His Word and expect His will to be done in earth as it is in heaven.

- The way we relate to God ultimately determines the way we relate to our/the earth, the nations and the world.
- God is doing his Word. God will never do anything that contradicts what He has already established and said in, by, through and with His Word.

Word Of Mouth

Josh 1:8 *This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success.*

Deut 30:14 *But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your mind and in your heart, so that you can do it.*

- Joshua knew God's law, meditated on it and observed it by both speaking and doing.

Heb 4:16 *Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it].*

- Boldly is the Greek word "parrhesia" which means: freedom in speaking, unreservedly as in speech, open, frankly, no concealment or ambiguity, free and fearless confidence, cheerful courage, assurance.
- We are admonished to approach God's throne and speak freely without reservation, concealment or ambiguity.

Josh 10:7-14 *So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the warriors with him and all the mighty men of valor.*

And the Lord said to Joshua, Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hand; there shall not a man of them stand before you.

So Joshua came upon them suddenly, having gone up from Gilgal all night.

And the Lord caused [the enemies] to panic before Israel, who slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon and chased them along the way that goes up to Beth-horon and smote them as far as Azekah and Makkedah. As they fled before Israel, while they were descending [the pass] to Beth-horon, the Lord cast great stones from the heavens on them as far as Azekah, killing them. More died because of the hailstones than the Israelites slew with the sword.

Then Joshua spoke to the Lord on the day when the Lord gave the Amorites over to the Israelites, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, be silent and stand still at Gibeon, and you, moon, in the Valley of Ajalon! And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the nation took vengeance upon their enemies. Is not this written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of the heavens and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day.

There was no day like it before or since, when the Lord hearkened [heeded] the voice of a man. For the Lord fought for Israel.

Mk 1:27 *And they were all so amazed and almost terrified that they kept questioning and demanding one of another, saying, What is this? What new (fresh) teaching! With authority He gives orders even to the unclean spirits and they obey Him!*

Jn 11:43 *When He had said this, He shouted with a loud voice, Lazarus, come out!*

- Joshua did not ask, plead, request that the sun and moon stand still. Joshua spoke to the Lord a word of bold, confident command.
- The word hearkened is the Hebrew word "shama" which means: to listen to hear with attention or interest, to obey.
- It takes a man speaking a word with boldness and absolute authority to put the brakes on the entire universe.

- As we learn to speak with authority to ourselves, we are being empowered to speak with this same authority over external circumstances and situations.

Prov 30:5 Every word of God is tried and purified; He is a shield to those who trust and take refuge in Him.

Zeph 3:9 For then [changing their impure language] I will give to the people a clear and pure speech from pure lips, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one unanimous consent and one united shoulder [bearing the yoke of the Lord].

- Pure comes from the Hebrew word “tsaraph” which means refined.
- Something pure is free from mixture. God is forming a people who themselves are pure, free from mixture and therefore speak from pure lips, free from mixture.
- God’s kingdom is manifest through sons who are the Word made flesh and speak Words from pure lips.

May the Father grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,.