

God's Pathway of Goodness

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⁴ Make me know Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths.

⁵ Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; For You I wait all the day.

⁶ Remember, O LORD, Your compassion and Your lovingkindnesses, For they have been from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; According to Your lovingkindness remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

⁸ Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

⁹ He leads the humble in justice, And He teaches the humble His way.

¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are lovingkindness and truth To those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

¹¹ For Your name's sake, O LORD, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

¹² Who is the man who fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way he should choose.

¹³ His soul will abide in prosperity, And his descendants will inherit the land.

¹⁴ The secret of the LORD is for those who fear Him, And He will make them know His covenant.

¹⁵ My eyes are continually toward the LORD, For He will pluck my feet out of the net.

Although the Lord showers His goodness on all men and women, the ability to perceive and enjoy it is limited by a refusal to reverence Him as God. To experience the fullness of His kindness, we must honor Him by choosing His way of submission and obedience. The Lord will never withhold His goodness from those who walk uprightly with Him.

In love and wisdom, the Father has specifically designed a pathway for each of His children. Because no two people are alike, each path will look different. What may be best for one person may not be good for another. Comparison of God's ways in different lives will lead only to discouragement and misjudgment. We have neither the wisdom nor the eternal perspective to understand why the Lord leads some people down a road of pain and hardship, but we can know that He is always good.

Every step on God's pathway represents a deliberate choice to follow Him. By looking around instead of fixing our eyes on Jesus, we may start thinking that we are missing out on some really good experiences or possessions. If we leave the Lord's course to follow one that looks better, we will forfeit His good blessings and discover, as Adam and Eve did, that any other way leads to loss.

Take time periodically to ask yourself, *Am I on the path the Lord has chosen for me, or have I taken a detour to follow another direction that looks good?* To build our own course and ignore the goodness and abundance of His pathway is foolishness. God alone knows the way we should take.