

Pastors Thoughts of the Week

The Good Way

Jeremiah 6:16: Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

Choosing between the good and the evil way is an oft-repeated theme throughout the Bible. From that fateful Adamic decision to forsake innocence and to know evil, man has been offered the two ways of good or evil. When Moses set before the people blessing or cursing, he urged the people to "choose life". Similarly, Joshua laid the proposition before the people: "choose you this day whom ye will serve". Elijah questioned the idolatrous people "How long halt ye between two opinions?" Jesus spoke of the two ways, one broad way that leads to eternal ruin and that straight and narrow way that leads to eternal life.

The prophet portrays the image of a man standing at the crossroads and having to choose between that broad path where so many of his companions were traveling or an old worn path that presented obstacles and unseen perils but nonetheless was known to be "the good way". In Robert Frost's poem Two Roads, the poet paints a similar image. Here stands a man at a crossroads having to choose which way to proceed. After some deliberation he wisely

"took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference".

It can be quite intimidating when one finds himself on that road less traveled. How few are those who can withstand the societal pressures to be "up-to-date" and to "fit in". But God's children have always been called to be peculiar people whose delight is in being conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. And the text above assures us "ye shall find rest for your souls".

Walk in His Good Way,

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