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(#111) The Proverbs of Solomon 16:17- There Is Only One Highway To Heaven

Since God Created humans, only God can provide specific understanding of human behavior. God gave Solomon Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**) to explain what and why behavior is as it is, and **Proverbs 10:1 - 24:34** are randomly written, as if they were Judgments Solomon made about individual cases brought to him for Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**), or simply God-given explanations about life. New Testament passages may help see the continuation of Wisdom offered through Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 16:17:

The highway of the upright is to depart from evil; He who keeps his way preserves his soul.

The way God has prepared for "the upright" to follow is a "highway." To stay on this way "preserves his soul," or is the way of salvation. A "highway" has:

- (1) A built-up roadbed for sturdiness;
- (2) A smoothed surface for easier travel;
- (3) Signs to indicate progress, and
- (4) A destination to end the journey.

Jesus Christ is "the way" (John 14:6):

- (1) Being rich in good works stores up for us a good foundation for the time to come, that we may lay hold on eternal life. (**1 Timothy 6:18-19**)
- (2) I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. (**John 13:15**);
- (3) Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. (**1 Timothy 4:15**);
- (4) But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. (**Romans 6:22**)

John the Baptist came to prepare the way for Jesus Christ. The prophecy of **Isaiah 40:3-5** was fulfilled in the First Century days of the Roman Empire "while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying:

'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the LORD; make His paths straight. Every valley shall be filled



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and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough ways smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' (Luke 3:2-6; quoting Isaiah 40:3-5)

The way of Jesus Christ goes straight toward Heaven; with valleys filled and mountains and hills lowered, it is level; with no curves; and with a smooth surface, God surely has made the way of salvation the best way to travel through life!

Jesus Christ has traveled this road, and shown us how we may go.
A highway shall be there, and a road, and it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray. (Isaiah 35:8)

Not traveling this better way, or leaving it once on it, is foolish, indeed.
For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (1 Peter 2:25)

Jesus' road is NOT a "broad way" (Matthew 7:13-14) so people could decide for themselves what is right or wrong; nor does it offer choices of how to be saved; nor does it leave it up to a person to choose a church, worship, morals, or Scriptures. Jesus said:
"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven." (Matthew 7:21)

Are you on a back road to nowhere good, or on the King's Highway?

