**R978 Rumination for Oct. 22, 2023**

The **T**heme: **Thy Ways** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *Shew me* ***Thy ways****, O LORD; teach me Thy paths.* Psa. 25:4

The **T**hots:

1. **David’s Request to know God’s Ways:**
2. David prayed for God’s **P**aths – *Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths.* Psa. 25:4, NKJV
3. David prayed for **P**atience to know God’s Ways – Psa. 25:5, NKJV

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

1. David prayed for **P**ardon – Psa. 25:7a, NKJV

*Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions*

1. David **P**leaded for God’s Mercy – Psa. 25:6

*Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old*

*According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.* Psa. 25:7b, NKJV

1. **God’s Revelation of His Ways**:
2. To **P**atriarch Abraham’s Servant: Gen. 24:27

*And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth:* ***I being in the way, the LORD led me*** *to the house of my master's brethren*.

1. To **P**rophet Moses: *He made known His ways unto Moses, His acts unto the children of Israel*. Psa. 103:7
2. To the **P**ious: Psa. 25:9, 12, NKJV

*The humble He teaches His way…the man that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.*

1. To the **P**salmist: Psa. 16:11
2. His **R**elationship with God:
3. *Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in Thy presence is fulness of joy;*

*At Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.*

1. *I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with Mine eye.* Psa. 32:8
2. Hence, his **R**esolve: *I will meditate in Thy precepts, and have respect unto Thy ways.* Psa. 119:15
3. **The Requirement to Enter by His Way:**
4. Jesus said… *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.* Jn. 14:6
5. *Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.* Mt.7:13, 14, NKJV
6. **Those who Refused God’s Ways.**
7. Their **R**esolve:

*Therefore they say unto* ***G****od, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of Thy ways*. Job 21:14

1. The **R**esult: hence, they just **G**roped about in their Ways: Deut. 28:29

*And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways:*

*and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.*

1. **The Requirement to be in God’s Way:**
2. *Only Acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God,*

*and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree,*

*and ye have not obeyed My voice, saith the LORD.* Jer. 3:13

1. *In all thy ways Acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.* Pro. 3:6

1. **The Rejoicing in God’s Ways: Rev. 15:3**
*And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,*

*Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints.*

*All the way my Savior leads me; What have I to ask beside?*

*Can I doubt His tender mercy, Who through life has been my guide?*

*Heav’nly peace, divinest comfort, Here by faith in Him to dwell!*

*For I know, whate’er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;*

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*Jesus doeth all things well.*

*All the way my Savior leads me O the fullness of His love!*

*Perfect rest to me is promised In my Father’s house above.*

*When my spirit, clothed immortal, Wings its flight to realms of day*

*This my song through endless ages — Jesus led me all the way.*

 *This my song through endless ages — Jesus led me all the way; Fanny Crosby,*

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 978**

1. Do you believe that all roads/streets lead to Rome and that all ways lead to God?

"*The main roads were connecting important places, and so, in one way or another, they all ended or started in Rome, but it's not like you had to go via Rome when traveling from London to Paris, because the network allowed for that to happen…These principal roads were designed for the movement of wheels and animals — in other words, they were far more sophisticated than muddy trails. They were built with different layers like earth and rock, and then finally big slabs of stone on top. They weren't flat, but kind of dome shaped to allow proper drainage...The main roads were connecting important places, and so, in one way or another, they all ended or started in Rome, but it's not like you had to go via Rome when traveling from London to Paris, because the network allowed for that to happen…"* Parcero-Oubiña said.

So, did all Roman roads lead to Rome? No, but an awful lot of the important ones eventually made their way there. The premise of the question might be flawed anyway, said Parcero-Oubiña, because most people going to Rome weren't taking the roads…Connection via sea was much more useful because it was faster and cheaper," he said. "If you wanted to go from western Iberia to Rome, for example, then you probably took a boat and not a [*horse*](https://www.livescience.com/50714-horse-facts.html) and cart." – Originally published on Live Science.

<https://www.livescience.com/do-roads-lead-to-rome#:~:text=So%2C%20did%20all%20Roman%20roads,weren't%20taking%20the%20roads>

So do all ways lead to God?

Certainly **NO**! Otherwise, the Lord Jesus would not claim: John 14:6, NKJV –

Jesus said…"I am the way, the truth, and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through Me.** What is your stand regarding Jesus as the only WAY to God? **REFLECT**.

1. It is noteworthy that the disciples of Jesus soon after the Church was established at Pentecost in the first century were known as followers of “**The Way**.”

The disciples followed this “***Way***,” because they were convinced that ***it was the only “Way” to God*.** This was their spiritual reality and their proclamation to the world. Indeed, the early Christians called their movement “***The Way***”—and that is how they were first known by outsiders ([Acts 9:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+9%3A2); [18:26](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+18%3A26); [19:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+19%3A9), [23](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+19%3A23); [22:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+22%3A4); [24:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+24%3A14), [22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+24%3A22)).

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Acts 9:2 – *And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of* ***this way****, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.*

Acts 19:9, 23 – *But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of* ***that way*** *before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus…And the same time there arose no small stir about* ***that way.***

Acts 22:4 *– And I persecuted* ***this way*** *unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.*

Acts 24:14 *– This I confess unto thee, that after* ***the way*** *which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:*

Acts 24:22 *– And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of* ***that way****, he deferred them, and said, When Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter.*

***That way*** would refer then to the Teachings Jesus taught regarding the Way, the path the followers took and their belief in it, as well as declaring themselves as followers of The Way. Are you still a follower of The Way today? **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:**

*Wide are the many ways to* ***H****ell, but there is Only ONE WAY to* ***H****eaven.* (Mt. 7:13, 14)