

The Pathway to Paradise

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Matthew 5:22 *Shall be in danger of hell fire*
Colossians 3:5 *Put to death your earthly*
Romans 6:16 *you are slaves to whom you*

- 1 If our life is *patterned* according to the Bible, then we would be on the pathway that leads to *Paradise*.
- 2 Everyone has this one life to decide which path they want to be on and then must stay *on* that path through all trials and tests.
- 3 It means to keep a repentant attitude and to keep trusting God for all things—it is the only way we can be sure we will check in at the *right* place.
- 4 A person taking an extended vacation may say: *I'll be away for a while but be back next month*; another may move West and stay there for years—but we are all heading toward an eternal destination with *no* returning.
- 5 That makes us think about our life; our attitudes; our choices; and on what we spend most of our time. It makes us evaluate our *faith* in God and if we are really *trusting* Him as we should. We will be moving to another location and *never* coming back!
- 6 The Scriptures must *command* our attention and take *priority* every morning—reading them

every *day* and putting them into *practice* every *minute*.

7 This includes treating people as the Bible says. AV John 8:31 *"If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed."*

8 Reading the Bible informs us of the truth 32 *"and the truth shall make you free"*—from anger, resentment, and unscriptural attitudes toward anyone. We need to be *released* and delivered from wrong thoughts and unscriptural desires.

9 It is a *release* from the old way by the Blood of Christ and an *acceptance* of the new way of forgiveness, mercy, sympathy, and love. We are *delivered* from wrong *attitudes* and *released* from *bondage* to worldly desires.

10 When checking in at the *next life* we must hear the King say on His *right*—AV Matthew 25:34 *"Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."*

11 No one would ever want to hear the King say on His *left*: AV Matthew 25:41 *"Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."*

12 Many people reject the idea of eternal suffering—Hell is out of *fashion* today. It may be out of fashion, but it is *not* out of business.

13 Just because many do not believe there *is* a lake of burning sulfur does *not* mean it doesn't *exist*! Their unbelief changes nothing.

14 Most believe that a loving God would not *send* anyone to Hell—and He *is* a loving God 1 John 4:8, 16—but does not *send* anyone to the lake of fire.

15 Those who go there can be *sure* that they sent *themselves* through their rebellion and unbelief. They left the Path to Paradise by refusing to *read* and *heed* the Scriptures.

16 The Bible says that Hell is a *real* place—and Jesus spoke of it 33 times—describing its horrors in graphic detail.

17 It is a place of conscious torment, serious suffering, and AV Matthew 3:12 *"unquenchable fire."*

18 Those who do not obey God AV 2 Thessalonians 1:9 *"Shall be punished with everlasting destruction."*

19 Anyone angry enough to say, *"Thou fool"* to a brother without proper cause AV Matthew 5:22 *"Shall be in danger of hell fire."* Our pathway to eternity must *never* be to that *wrong* place!

20 How can we be *sure*? Jesus tells how: If our *hand*; *foot*; or *eye* *"offend thee"*—*cause* us to sin by tempting us to disobey God, we must take *drastic* action to get *rid* of whatever it is—rather than *keeping* it, keep *sinning*, and—

21 AV Mark 9:43 *"Go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched."* There is an *entrance* but no *exit*—and *no* escape!

22 Something to consider—After several minutes of *total* darkness, it becomes so oppressive that it can cause panic!

23 We cannot *imagine* having to endure such dense and oppressive darkness for an eternity—the *darkness itself* is torment enough!

24 The centurion said to Jesus AV Matthew 8:8 *"Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed"*—giving evidence of real *faith* in Jesus for the *healing* needed.

25 After that Jesus said AV Matthew 8:11 *"Many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven."*

26 Our hope—AV 1 John 4:8 *"God is love,"* but He is also *just*; and *holy*; and *righteous*; and He *hates sin*.

27 We will all *face* the living God—a *kind*; *loving*; *merciful*; *patient*; and *forgiving* God—as well as a *just*, *holy*, *fair*, and *righteous* God.

28 Avoiding the *wrath* of God is a *choice* NKJV Colossians 3:5 *"Therefore put to death your [earthward inclinations WEY]: fornication, uncleanness,*

passion, evil desire, and covetousness [greed WEY], which is idolatry.

29 **6** Because of these things the **wrath** of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience.”

30 It is a matter of *resisting* and *rejecting* the desires of the sin nature by the power of the Spirit; or we are *accepting* and *allowing* such cravings to control our desires by the power of the devil.

31 NKJV Romans 6:16 “Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to **death**, or of obedience leading to **righteousness**?”

32 The choice to *obey* or to *rebel* has always been an individual responsibility. We are *saved* by *grace* but *judged* by *works*.

33 AV John 5:29 “And shall come forth; they that have **done** good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have **done** evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”

34 NKJV Romans 2:5 “In accordance with **your** hardness [stubbornness NIV] and **your** impenitent [unrepentant] heart you are *treasuring up* for yourself **wrath** in the day of **wrath** and **revelation** of the righteous judgment of God,

35 **6** who ‘will render to each one according to his **deeds** [what he has **done** NIV; or his **actions** WEY].’

36 Romans 2:7 “Eternal life to those who by *patient* continuance in **doing** good seek for **glory**, **honor**, and **immortality**;

37 **8** but to those who are *self-seeking* [contentious AV; quarrelsome] and do **not obey** the truth, but **obey** unrighteousness—**indignation** and **wrath**.”

38 If anyone faces God’s wrath, it is because they **chose** to—by being stubborn when they *heard* God’s Truth.

39 If anyone ends in the Lake of Fire it is their own fault, because they were warned—the Bible explains *how* to avoid it.

40 The fiery lake was originally prepared for Satan and his angels, but those who do *not* accept God’s Truth will eventually be there with the devil.

41 AV Matthew 25:41 “Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.”

42 God does not want *anyone* to go there, so He has given everyone a choice. Most choose the darkness of this evil world.

43 AV John 3:19 “And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”

44 We have to be *sure* we are going in the right direction to the right destination because there is *no return* from the one we *chose*!

45 God has waited because He is *patient*, *loving*, and *forgiving*—but someday the last one will repent! And only *He* knows when that is! And then the Lord Jesus will return.

46 Everyone has the freedom to choose between *belief* and *unbelief*; between *good* and *evil*; between *God’s* will and *self’s*-will.

47 It is a choice to *believe* and *receive* the Holy Spirit into our heart; or to *not believe* and *reject* God’s gift that leads to Paradise!

48 God will *honor* our choice—and we will then face the consequences of our decision.

49 *Without God* in our life by our *own* willful choice, is to have *no hope* for the future and no way to enter Paradise!

50 At some point we have to make a *choice* to *ask Jesus* into our heart to *control* our life from then on.

51 The apostle wrote this: NIV Ephesians 2:12 “Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.”

52 **13** “But now **in Christ Jesus** you who once were far away have been brought **near** through the blood of Christ.” It is our choice to draw *near* or to move away.

53 There is a glorious kingdom prepared for all believers in the Lord Jesus. The guiding of the Holy Spirit is so necessary!

54 AV Isaiah 30:21 “Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it.”

55 The pathway to Paradise is explained by the only One who can give it.

56 AV Matthew 22:37 “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. **38** This is the first and great commandment—

57 **39** And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”

58 *Divine love* in our heart is the *key* to being on the Pathway to Paradise and receiving eternal life—a place where there is a mansion prepared for all who truly believe in Jesus and follow His teaching every day.

59 Remaining *on* that pathway makes us *sure* it will lead us to the *right* destination—to a place called **Paradise!**



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