

# What Is Your Way?

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**Mark 10:51-52.** "And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way." Free to go his way, he choose to follow Jesus. What is your way?"

I think of the ten lepers who were cleansed. Nine went their way and we don't hear of them again, but one returned to Jesus. He returned to give praise to the Lord for his healing. In the scriptures there are many who are found in the temple, or following after Jesus. Some, like the nine lepers, take the blessing and go their way. They seem to feel that they received what they wanted and had no more need for the Lord. We see some like that today, they may come to church, make a

profession of faith, be baptized and then they disappear. They went their way and some of them won't seem to think of the Lord until they have another problem.

Some people want the blessings of God, but not his leading of their lives. Refusing to submit to God they live as they wish until there is a problem, then they think, at least for awhile, of the Lord. If a person knows the Word of God then he will know that, that is a very dangerous attitude to have. In **Galatians 6:7** we read, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." To seek the blessings of God, but not God, is a path that will lead to tragedy.

Those in the gospels who were blessed and then followed Jesus in the way made a great choice. They chose to walk in the light of God's Word. The Lord had healed them and they were truly thankful and showed it by the life they lived from then on. It is not enough to say thanks and then to go our separate ways. If someone is really thankful

it will be seen in the life that he lives.

If we are willing to take a honest look at ourselves, we can see that the way we walked before we came to Jesus was the wrong way. It was a path that led to death and separation from God. A person may say, "I didn't do any bad sins," and they may be right, but just to be without the Lord is to be lost. Jesus makes it clear that if we are not trusting in him we are lost. **John 8:21, 23-24.** "Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come. I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins".

Jesus said, "I go my way." The question is - which way do we go? Either we follow the Lord, or we continue to go our own way. Each of these ways leads to a destination and is very different from one another. Our way, the way of man and the world, leads to death and sorrow, while the way of Jesus leads to life with him forever. Which way do you choose?

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JOSEPH IMMEDIATELY HAD HUGE STORE-HOUSES BUILT TO HOARD EGYPT'S PRODUCE AND, WHEN THE FAMINE SET IN THERE WAS FOOD APLENTY—BUT JOSEPH DIDN'T GIVE THE FOOD TO THE PEOPLE—HE SOLD IT TO THEM AND, WHEN THEY RAN OUT OF MONEY, HE TOOK THEIR ANIMALS IN PAYMENT ON THE GRAIN THEY NEEDED FOR FOOD AND TO PLANT AS SEED....

FINALLY, WHEN THE FARMERS NEEDED MORE FOOD AND GRAIN, THEY HAD NOTHING LEFT BUT THEIR LAND WHICH JOSEPH TOOK TITLE TO IN THE NAME OF PHARAOH IN PAYMENT FOR MORE FOOD AND GRAIN—SO THE PHARAOH WOUND UP OWNING ALL THE LAND OF EGYPT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE LANDS OWNED BY THE PRIESTHOOD! THE PRIESTS, WHO BY TRADITIONAL LAW, WERE FED FROM PHARAOH'S STORES, HENCE THEY HADN'T HAD TO BUY ANY FOOD OR GRAIN AND KEPT THEIR LANDS!

AFTER THAT, JOSEPH GAVE THE PEOPLE FREE GRAIN WITH WHICH TO PLANT MORE CROPS BUT THEY HAD TO GIVE TO PHARAOH ONE-FIFTH OF ALL THAT THEIR LAND PRODUCED, FROM THEN ON! WITHOUT A DOUBT, THIS WAS THE MOST EFFECTIVE TAKE-OVER OF A LAND BY ONE MAN THAT HISTORY HAS EVER RECORDED—"EFFICIENCY EXPERT" IS A MILD TERM FOR A MAN OF JOSEPH'S CALIBER, WHO HAD COME INTO EGYPT AS A SLAVE AND, IN DUE TIME, ENSLAVED THE ENTIRE NATION—ALL BY HIMSELF!

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