

Lecture No. 32

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. The Way of Life .

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No. 1.) Here is our first verse for today: **Proverbs 6:23**

For *the commandment is a lamp;*

and *the law is light;*

and *reproofs of instruction are the way of life:*

No. 2.) Herein is an interesting parallel with another verse we looked at just last month, [Psalms 119:105](#), which told us that God's word was defined as a lamp and a light. Now this verse in Proverbs is telling us a very similar thing, that the commandment is a lamp and the law is light. We might well ask here, "Where does the commandment and the law come from?" Is it not from the mouth of God? speaking words, therefore we have God's word, again. Beautiful.

No. 3.) The last phrase of our subject verse tells us that *reproofs of instruction are the way of life.* This is exactly what God's prophets did, they delivered God's words to reprove and instruct those who would listen; [and this is the way of life.](#) How about you? do you want to live? eternally? be forever bursting with health, never having to sleep, nothing

to worry about. **The way of life.** Let's see what God's word has to say about this interesting phrase.

No. 4.) The first mention of anything like this is found in Genesis 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, **to keep the way of the tree of life.** Now we see a tree is involved. So we have the first book of the Bible talking about this very important subject, and now we have the last book of the Bible also doing the same. Revelation 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, **that they may have right to the tree of life,** and may enter in through the gates into the city.

No. 5.) We have five more verses that help us with this picture of the way of life. Proverbs 10:17 **He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction:** but he that refuseth **reproof** erreth. This is what the prophets are for, reproof and encouragement. Proverbs 12:28 **In the way of righteousness is life;** and **in the pathway thereof there is no death.** Are we not talking about eternal life here? Yes! Remember, in the grave we are not dead and gone, no, we sleep, to be wakened by God.

Proverbs 15:24 **The way of life is above to the wise,** that he may depart from hell beneath. This is the pathway, high and lifted up. Jeremiah 21:8 And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD; **Behold, I set before you the way of life,** and **the way of death.** Ezekiel 13:22 Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he

should not return from his **wicked way**, **by promising him life**:

No. 6.) It is no mistake that the word **way** is woven into these verses. God has a message for all, 2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but **is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**

No. 7.) One of the ways the wicked are promised life is by teaching that the 144,000 is not a literal number, but that it really is figurative, and can include millions; and on that teaching, millions do, sit back and relax a bit, deciding to let the plumber take care of the plumbing, the doctor take care of their body, and the pastor take care of their salvation. After all, they have the promise of life, and we must believe, right? On this site, <https://press.adventist.org/en/> we are told that there are currently nineteen and a half million people around the world claiming to be SDAs. If only 144,000 are to be saved since October 22, 1844, that leaves a lot of people outside the city, when they were told they would be inside.

No. 8.) I'll never forget the Sunday morning breakfast, we were listening to the Voice of Prophecy, H. M. S. Richards, Sr. speaking about the 144,000 and then upon declaring that it was a figurative number, my dad jumped to his feet, pounded the table with his fist, and shouted, "They always said it was a literal number!" His faith was

shaken that day. How about you? I remember some forty years later, my dad is writing me, telling me to “stay with the ship,” and, “there are sharks in the water, stay with the ship, it’s going through.” I’m glad I jumped into the water, because we walk above the water, the sharks, we walk in the light of the Midnight Cry, on a strait and narrow path, high and lifted up, above the world. We keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is just before us, leading us to the City, we are safe.

No. 9.) Staying in an apostate church will get you killed, **for you must share her plagues.** The warning of Revelation 18:4 is there for a reason. “**And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.**”

No. 10.) Just in case you did not know... **Wednesday ~ May 18, 1977, by a report of the GCSDA church in their official paper, The Review & Herald of August 11, 1977** [* see the bottom for links], **the next to last page, the SDA church gave obeisance to the pope the man of sin the anti-christ; by delivering into his hands a gold symbol of the SDA church.** It is speculated by many that this act was, in fact, a public announcement that the SDA church, in total, was now delivered to Satan, in the person of the anti-christ. Knowledge of the facts about this event exposes the foundation of the events of the time we live in. You don’t have to read the early, original material by James and Ellen very much to discover that the faith they had was very, very different from

what is witnessed today in the church, and often, out of the church.

It becomes critical to your salvation to become like the Bereans, and prove all things, study to see if what I say is true or not. Your life hangs in the balance.

We end today's presentation by pointing you to *the way of life*, eternal life, as defined by God's word in John 14.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. (2) In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. (3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there ye may be also*. (4) And whither I go ye know, *and the way ye know*. (5) Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? (6) Jesus saith unto him, *I am the way, the truth, and the life*: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

So it is that our only hope is in Jesus and following him as he leads us out from the world and up that strait and narrow path to the City. Never give up. After you do your proving all things, make a clean, hard, bold, decision, this is the truth, I have proven this to be truth, I must have truth, I have this truth for my faith.

Never give up. We live, maybe, about a hundred years, but God has been here for the entirety of earth's existence. Make that decision, that you will hold to the truth, the proven truth, no matter what, and, never give it up.

*http://docs.adventistarchives.org/doc_info.asp?DocID=95770

*<http://archives.adventistreview.org/thisweek/archives2001.html>

And that is...

~ The End ~

of our Presentation for Today,

God Bless your Study

