

Sermon - The Path Less Traveled

(Pray)

Jesus - the way the truth and the life

Joh 14:6 Jesus^{G2424} saith^{G3004} unto him,^{G846} I^{G1473} am^{G1510} the^{G3588} way,^{G3598} the^{G3588} truth,^{G225} and^{G2532} the^{G3588} life:^{G2222} no man^{G3762} cometh^{G2064} unto^{G4314} the^{G3588} Father,^{G3962} but^{G1508} by^{G1223} me.^{G1700}

Joh 17:3 And^{G1161} this^{G3778} is^{G2076} life^{G2222} eternal,^{G166} that^{G2443} they might know^{G1097} thee^{G4571} the^{G3588} only^{G3441} true^{G228} God,^{G2316} and^{G2532} Jesus^{G2424} Christ,^{G5547} whom^{G3739} thou hast sent.^{G649}

Why do people reject it?

- Abundant life *superabundant* (in quantity) or *superior* (in quality)
- Truth

1. You have to face yourself!

Joh 3:19 And^{G1161} this^{G3778} is^{G2076} the^{G3588} condemnation,^{G2920} that^{G3754} light^{G5457} is come^{G2064} into^{G1519} the^{G3588} world,^{G2889} and^{G2532} men^{G444} loved^{G25} darkness^{G4655} rather^{G3123} than^{G2228} light,^{G5457} because^{G1063} their^{G846} deeds^{G2041} were^{G2258} evil.^{G4190}

Joh 3:20 For^{G1063} every one^{G3956} that doeth^{G4238} evil^{G5337} hateth^{G3404} the^{G3588} light,^{G5457} neither^{G2532} cometh^{G2064} to^{G4314} the^{G3588} light,^{G5457} lest^{G3363} his^{G846} deeds^{G2041} should be reprov'd.^{G1651}

Joh 3:21 But^{G1161} he that doeth^{G4160} truth^{G225} cometh^{G2064} to^{G4314} the^{G3588} light,^{G5457} that^{G2443} his^{G846} deeds^{G2041} may be made manifest,^{G5319} that^{G3754} they are^{G2076} wrought^{G2038} in^{G1722} God.^{G2316}

When things come into the light they get exposed!

And get a clear picture of who you are outside of Christ Jesus ... and that person has to be put to death in the Cross and the new life of God has to be consummated in you and the son of God birthed in your heart.

2. People want to blame someone else for their own situation.

Pro 19:3 The foolishness^{H200} of man^{H120} perverteth^{H5557} his way:^{H1870} and his heart^{H3820} fretteth^{H2196} against^{H5921} the LORD.^{H3068}

THE Very first thing that happened in the garden of Eden "... passing the buck." It was the woman

Gen 3:9-13

- Adam blames the woman AND God!!!
- The Woman Blames the Serpent

This happens after the mind of man is twisted away from What God intended! Your thoughts are not Right anymore. The first Adam stepped in between the judgement of God and the woman, but once he had his mind was no longer right. Eventually we would need the Mind of Christ (**Php 2:5**).

PEOPLE WANT --- Want a man to follow, want a man to blame, don't want to take responsibility for their own actions (moses you go and speak to God, who is this guy later)

WHAT HAPPENED RIGHT AFTER THE 10 COMMANDMENTS were given!!!

Exo 20:18 And all^{H3605} the people^{H5971} saw^{H7200 (H853)} the thunderings,^{H6963} and the lightnings,^{H3940} and the noise^{H6963} of the trumpet,^{H7782} and the mountain^{H2022} smoking.^{H6226} and when the people^{H5971} saw^{H7200} *it*, they removed,^{H5128} and stood^{H5975} afar off.^{H4480 H7350}

Exo 20:19 And they said^{H559} unto^{H413} Moses,^{H4872} Speak^{H1696} thou^{H859} with^{H5973} us, and **we** will hear:^{H8085} but let not^{H408} God^{H430} speak^{H1696} with^{H5973} us, lest^{H6435} **we** die.^{H4191}

Numbers 16 - Dathan & Abiram ... the congregation ... they don't want to hear from God for themselves (don't want that responsibility) but then find fault in the one who does that job under the Old Covenant (Moses).

Under the New Covenant how is it now? 1 Peter 2:5, 9

We want to be like the nations around us and have a king.

1Sa 8:7 And the LORD^{H3068} said^{H559} unto^{H413} Samuel,^{H8050} Hearken^{H8085} unto the voice^{H6963} of the people^{H5971} in all^{H3605} that^{H834} they say^{H559} unto^{H413} thee: for^{H3588} they have not^{H3808} **rejected**^{H3988} thee, but^{H3588} they have **rejected**^{H3988} **me**, that I should not reign^{H4480 H4427} over^{H5921} them.

They want to be like all of the other religions of the world that have a special Priest, idolize a man, have a guru/spiritual leader, and you don't do anything without the approval of a man who has to give you the O.K. on everything!!!

3. They want what the world has to offer

Every earthly promise (carnal and temporary)

Luk 4:5 And^{G2532} the^{G3588} devil,^{G1228} taking him up^{G321 G846} into^{G1519} an high^{G5308} mountain,^{G3735} shewed^{G1166} unto him^{G846} all^{G3956} the^{G3588} kingdoms^{G932} of the^{G3588} world^{G3625} in^{G1722} a moment^{G4743} of time.^{G5550}

Luk 4:6 And^{G2532} the^{G3588} devil^{G1228} said^{G2036} unto him,^{G846} All^{G537} this^{G5026} power^{G1849} will I give^{G1325} thee,^{G4671} and^{G2532} the^{G3588} glory^{G1391} of them:^{G846} for^{G3754} that is delivered^{G3860} unto me;^{G1698} and^{G2532} to whomsoever^{G3739 G1437} I will^{G2309} I give^{G1325} it.^{G846}

Luk 4:7 If^{G1437} thou^{G4771} therefore^{G3767} wilt worship^{G4352} me,^{G3450} all^{G3956} shall be^{G2071} thine.^{G4675}

IT IS tempting!!! Cause it appeals to your fallen flesh. And many choose that broad way.

- You can be someone RIGHT NOW!
- You can have power Right NOW!
- You can have pleasure Right NOW!

How does God work? Frustratingly Slow :-)

Abraham? Moses? Joseph? Paul? Jesus? etc. etc. etc. Why? He is testing your resolve? He wants to see (and for YOU to see) what you are really made of and who you REALLY are.

The world will give you what it thinks you should be, right now, for a price.

It is a strong pull! Hard to escape from for sure! NEED the power of the Holy Spirit to set us free. Can't do it without Him.

No one comes to the Father unless the Spirit draws him.

Psa 95:6 O come,^{H935} let us worship^{H7812} and bow down:^{H3766} let us kneel^{H1288} before^{H6440} the LORD^{H3068} our maker.^{H6213}

Psa 95:7 For^{H3588} he^{H1931} *is* our God;^{H430} and we^{H587} *are* the people^{H5971} of his pasture,^{H4830} and the sheep^{H6629} of his hand.^{H3027} To day^{H3117} if^{H518} ye will hear^{H8085} his voice,^{H6963}

Psa 95:8 Harden^{H7185} not^{H408} your heart,^{H3824} as in the provocation,^{H4808} *and* as *in* the day^{H3117} of temptation^{H4531} in the wilderness:^{H4057}

Psa 95:9 When^{H834} your fathers^{H1} tempted^{H5254} me, proved^{H974} me, and^{H1571} saw^{H7200} my work.^{H6467}

Psa 95:10 Forty^{H705} years^{H8141} long was I grieved^{H6962} with *this* generation,^{H1755} and said,^{H559} It^{H1992} *is* a people^{H5971} that do err^{H8582} in their heart,^{H3824} and they^{H1992} have not^{H3808} known^{H3045} my ways:^{H1870}

Psa 95:11 Unto whom^{H834} I swear^{H7650} in my wrath^{H639} that^{H518} they should not enter^{H935} into^{H413} my rest.^{H4496}