

There are specific paths laid out by God for every aspect of life. From the creation of the world, God has already prepared a way for us to achieve all that we need, both spiritually and practically. For example, if a person desires to reach God, the way is clear. Jesus Christ is the one and only path to God. As stated in John 14:6, Jesus Himself says:

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Many people mistakenly believe that there are multiple ways to reach God, thinking that one can follow different religious paths—be it Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, or other faiths—and still reach God. This is a profound error. There is only one way to God, and that way is Jesus Christ. God set this path from the very beginning, and there are no shortcuts. If you truly want to reach God, you must walk this path, for every other way leads to deception.

Likewise, there are specific paths laid out by God for achieving blessings in life, whether it be good health, long life, success, or

peace. The Bible makes it clear that these blessings come when we walk according to God's commands. Missing this path can lead to frustration, where we wonder why God seems distant or why our prayers appear unanswered. However, the reality is that we may have been ignorant of the right way. What then is that way?

### THE PATH TO A LONG AND BLESSED LIFE

If you want to live a long and blessed life, God has given us clear guidance in His Word. In Proverbs 10:27, it is written:

The fear of the Lord prolongs days, but the years of the wicked will be shortened.

Additionally, Ephesians 6:2-3 emphasizes:

Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise: that it may go well with you and that you may live long on the earth.

These scriptures make it clear that living a long and blessed life begins with fearing the Lord and honoring your parents. While maintaining a balanced diet, exercising, and resting are all beneficial for good health, they cannot guarantee you a long and blessed life unless you also follow the paths God has set. We must remember that when God shortened humanity's lifespan from 1000 years to 120 years, it was not because people failed to eat properly, but because they disobeyed His commands (Genesis 6:3).

### THE KEY TO HEALTH AND WELLNESS

For maintaining good health, the Bible presents a clear pathway. The key is to fear God and depart from evil. In Proverbs 3:7-8, it says:

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh and strength to your bones.

Similarly, in Exodus 15:26, God promises to heal His people if

they walk in His ways:

If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God, and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians; for I am the Lord who heals you.

These verses clearly demonstrate that God is the healer, and that by following His commands, we can maintain health and avoid many of the diseases that plague the world. The key is not just natural remedies but obedience to God's Word. Healing and health come from walking in God's ways, and fear of the Lord is the first step.

## UNDERSTANDING WHY TROUBLES COME

When we face illness or difficulties, it's easy to ask, "Why is this happening to me?" Sometimes, despite going from one prayer meeting to another or being anointed by numerous ministers, the problem only seems to worsen. In such times, it may seem as

though God is distant, but the truth is that it is we who have wandered away from God. When we step away from His guidance, we give the enemy (Satan) a foothold to torment us.

You cannot live in sin—whether in adultery, drunkenness, theft, gossip, or corruption—and expect to live a healthy life. Proverbs 8:13 teaches:

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, the evil way and the perverse mouth.

You must first repent of these things and return to the Lord. Accept Jesus Christ as your Savior, and He will protect you from sickness. God Himself says in Exodus 15:26, “I am the Lord who heals you.”

Thus, you don't need to rely on fasting from certain foods or running after prophetic anointings when you can be walking in obedience to God. The fear of the Lord is foundational to all things.

## THE PATH TO SUCCESS

To receive success in life, God has also set forth a way. If you miss His way, you may feel as though God is ignoring your prayers, but the truth is that God always works in alignment with His principles, not according to our personal preferences.

We often declare promises from God, such as:

You will bless us in the city, and bless us in the field. You will bless us when we come in and when we go out. You will make us the head and not the tail (Deuteronomy 28:3-13).

However, these blessings are contingent upon obedience to God's Word. In Deuteronomy 28:1-2, it clearly states:

Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth; and

all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God.

Many people want the blessings, but they fail to obey God's commands. They may be living in sin, and yet still come to God expecting His favor. This is the issue that causes many to search from one prophet to another, or even engage in practices like using anointed oils or salt as a form of magic. But God's Word is clear that obedience is the key. As Jesus said in John 14:15, "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

### THE TRUTH ABOUT BLESSINGS

True blessings are not automatic; they are based on our obedience. In Matthew 7:7-8, Jesus encourages us to seek and obey:

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

However, the condition is that we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). If you want blessings from God, you must first make His will and kingdom your priority.

### THE PATH TO FAVOR WITH OTHERS

If you desire favor or recognition from others, God's way is to humble yourself. In Matthew 23:12, Jesus says:

And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

The path to greatness in God's eyes is through humility, not pride. The world may teach you to climb the ladder of success by manipulation or flattery, but in God's kingdom, humility and servanthood are the true path to favor.

As Jesus Himself taught in Luke 6:38:

Give, and it will be given to you; a good measure, pressed

down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

The principle is clear: what you give—whether it's kindness, resources, or love—will be returned to you in abundance. If you want favor from people, start by giving and serving others.

## FINDING TRUE PEACE AND JOY

The path to lasting peace and joy in life is through the fear of the Lord. Proverbs 16:7 says:

When a man's ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

This verse teaches that when you walk in God's will, He will bring peace not only to your heart but also to your relationships—even with those who may oppose you.

Solomon, in all his wisdom and wealth, concluded in Ecclesiastes 12:13-14:

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

### THE CALL TO FEAR THE LORD

The Bible consistently calls us to fear God—to live in reverence and awe of Him, recognizing that He is both the Creator and Judge. Proverbs 9:10 says:

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

This reverence for God is the foundation of all things: long life, health, success, favor, and peace.

May you be blessed abundantly as you walk

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