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GOING THE RIGHT WAY?

One of the best things about motorways is the large, clearly marked signs. Well before any junction we have clear warning of the options ahead of us and we have time to select the correct exit and route ahead.

TOO BUSY

In contrast, as we journey through life, the way ahead is often very unclear! Somehow we don't have time to select the right route ahead of us because we are just too busy!

Recent world events have made many people stop and think! But often it is only at a time of great personal change, perhaps the death of a loved one, or a serious illness

that we really take stock of our lives. Only then do we ask, "Where am I going?"

BROAD OR NARROW?

In the Bible (*Matthew 7 v 13/14*) Jesus Christ reminds us that there are only two ways that lead into the future. He refers to the 'broad way' through the 'wide gate' that leads many to destruction but he is clear that there is an alternative; a 'narrow way' through a 'narrow gate' that leads to eternal life.

When asked by a friend, "How can we know the way?" Jesus said of himself, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

(*John 14 v 5/6*).



The route ahead clearly signposted

The Bible makes it plain that the only way to heaven is through knowing Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour.

The question remains, "Are you going the right way?"



WILLING TO LEARN!

CHILDREN ARE SO READY TO LEARN!

As we grow older we become more set in our ways, more self assured and proud of our knowledge. How apt the teaching of Jesus Christ to his disciples, "Unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means

enter the kingdom of heaven." (*Matthew 18 v 3*)

There is a time to admit, "I do not know all the answers", and learn of what God our maker has to say in his unique book, the Bible.



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ANSWERING THE QUESTION OF DEATH

Death is a subject that we naturally shy away from. It is not a happy or pleasant subject for conversation. It carries with it sadness, loss and tears. It is a mystery, an enemy, the worst thing by far about life on earth. And yet one day we must all die. It would be wrong not to be sure what we believe about this difficult subject.



Death . . . a difficult subject

In this issue of the Herald we simply quote what God has to say in the Bible. If we can help anyone in a more personal way in coming to terms with this subject, please feel that you can contact us at any time. Contact numbers are on the back of this issue.

Death is an appointment with God: “. . . it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement.” (*Hebrews 9v27*)

Death is not the end: “. . . there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.” (*Acts 24v15*)

For a Christian death is not to be feared: “. . . death is swallowed up in victory.” (*1 Cor 15 v 54*)

For a Christian death is gain not loss: “. . . for to me to live is Christ and to die is gain . . . to be with Christ which is far better.” (*Philippians 1 v 21/23*)

For a Christian death is a beginning and not an ending: Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, even though he dies he shall live; and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.” (*John 11 v 25/26*)



For a Christian, death is like a gateway to eternal life.

For a Christian death is freedom from all earth's trials: “And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying and there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” (*Revelation 21 v 4*)

What they thought of the Bible

“Let the men of science and of learning expand their knowledge and probe with their researches every detail of the records that have been preserved to us . . .

All they do is to fortify the grand simplicity and essential accuracy of the recorded truths which have lighted so far the pilgrimage of man.”

Winston Churchill (Prime Minister)

LONELINESS

It is a sad truth that in the Droitwich area, there are all kinds of lonely people.

ALL AGES

Many children come from broken homes but long for parental friendship and guidance. The elderly are left alone for long periods of the day and night with little contact with the outside world. Young mums are coping with babies and toddlers alone and new mothers are sometimes gripped by post natal loneliness. Unemployment and even retirement can be lonely times. In all its forms, loneliness is a very sad thing.

MAKE BELIEVE

When we are children we dream up make-believe friends to talk to but when we are lonely in a grown up world it can be a distressing time. What we long for is real friendship, not passing acquaintances. Such friendship and understanding is often so hard to find. We can sometimes slip into thinking that we are so cut off that no one wants to bother with us at all.

THE LONELIEST MAN IN THE WORLD

Yet in the Bible we read of Jesus, who became the loneliest man in the world so that he might become the greatest friend in the world to us. When he was crucified on the cross, he cried out to his heavenly Father, "My God, my God why have you forsaken me!" (*Matthew 27 v 46*)



Loneliness affects all kinds of people.

In Isaiah's wonderful prophetic account of the suffering Christ he describes how Jesus was, ". . . despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" (*Isaiah 53 v 3*) Yet, by experiencing such loneliness and rejection, Jesus became the friend of sinners; the bearer of our sins and sorrow. He was abandoned upon the cross, friendless and rejected so that you and I could become accepted by God.

REALITY

To know Jesus Christ as Saviour is to know him as friend and to know the reality of a friendship that drives out loneliness for ever.

Also, becoming a Christian brings us into contact with other Christians who have found the precious friendship of Christ and who will share this joy with you.

If you are lonely today; reading this article, reach down for your Bible, read the Gospel accounts of the life and ministry of Jesus. See how he became a friend to many lonely people. Pray for God's help as you read.

Come along to Witton Chapel and meet with Christians of all ages and backgrounds - you will be made very welcome!

What they thought of the Bible

"The Bible transcends all our categories and increasingly supplies our finite minds from its inexhaustible store of treasures."

Dr Martyn Lloyd Jones (Physician & Preacher)

"No sciences are better attested than the religion of the Bible."

Isaac Newton (Scientist)

HOLDING THE HAND OF GOD

We are glad to have a Bible in these troubled times and to be able to read assurances like these;

“ I the Lord have called you in righteousness, and will hold your hand . . .

I will keep you . . .” (*Isaiah 42 v 6*)

Recently we came across a lovely poem called “He Holds My Hand” by June Mills based on this wonderful Bible verse. We include it in this issue as an encouragement to every Christian reader.

When I am grieved, down-cast, alone,
And tears flow down my cheeks unknown,
He drives the sorrow from my heart,
New happiness and joys impart;
He clears the paths that once seemed rough,
He holds my hand,
That is enough.

Why should He all my burdens bear?
Why should He all my sorrow share?
And when my feet are wont to stray
He guides them on the narrow way.
I only know when roads are rough,
He holds my hand,
That is enough.



Because of Jesus' love for me
He trod the road to Calvary;
He paid the ransom price for me
And shed His blood upon the tree.
Now, if my path be smooth or rough,
He holds my hand,
That is enough.

Just trust Him and His cleansing blood,
And rest in His great matchless love;
He came, our precious souls to save,
That you, eternal life might have;
So, if your path be smooth or rough,
He'll hold your hand,
'Twill be enough.

What they thought of the Bible

“When you have read the Bible, you will know it is the Word of God, because you will have found it the key to your own heart, your own happiness and your own duty.”

*Woodrow Wilson
(President of USA)*

“It is a miracle how God has so long preserved his book! How great and glorious it is to have the word of God!”

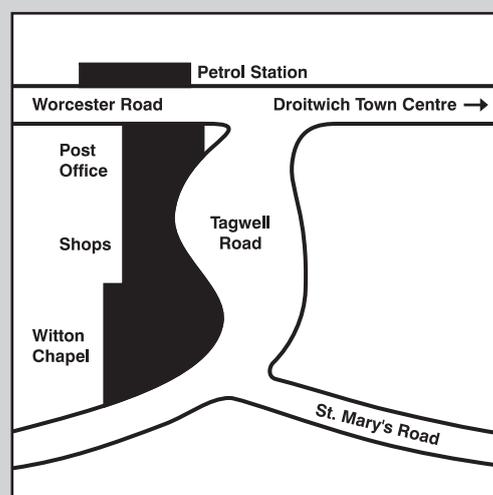
Martin Luther (Reformer)

“The Bible is the one book to which thoughtful men may go with any honest question of life or destiny and find the answer of God by honest searching.”

John Ruskin (Poet & Writer)

When we meet . . . Everyone Welcome

Sunday	11.00am Morning Service 3.00pm - 4.00pm Sunday School age 4 upwards (<i>in school term time</i>) 6.30pm Evening Service
Tuesday	1.30pm - 3.30pm Mother & Toddler Group (<i>in school term time</i>)
Wednesday	7.30pm Ladies Bible Study & Prayer Meeting (<i>2nd Wednesday in month</i>)
Thursday	8.00pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
Saturday	Special Meetings - as announced



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