

SHOW US THE WAY ?

HOURLY - CRIES - RISE UP TO GOD - "SHOW US THE RIGHT WAY"

In Arabic, a devout Muslim will earnestly pray "**Show us the straight way,**" as many as fifty times a day.

One of ¹the Lord Jesus' companions - ²the apostle Thomas - wanting to know **the way** asked:

"... Lord, ... **how can we know the way?**
[John 14:5]

The Lord Jesus replied:

" **I am the way** - the truth - and the life, no man comes to the Father, but by me." [John 14:6]

THE LORD JESUS TELLS US - HE IS THE WAY

The ³Messiah - the Lord Jesus - is the way and the only way to God :-

After the Messiah rose from the dead, another companion - the apostle Peter - cured a lame man. The Jewish authorities asked him how the apostles got this power. He told them:

"Let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him this man stands here, before you, totally cured ... Neither is there salvation in any one else, because there is no other name under heaven given to men, by which we must be saved." [Acts 4:10-12]

ANXIETY GONE - REAL PEACE OF MIND

Getting to know the Lord Jesus brings real peace of mind. He said:

"Come to me, all you who are worn out and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Place my yoke on you, and learn from me; for I am gentle - and humble in heart - and your souls will find rest. Because my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." [Matthew 11:28-30]

HE TURNS NO ONE AWAY

He said:

"... in no way will I reject him who comes to me" [John 6:37]

IN HIM IS TOTAL SECURITY

If we come to the Lord Jesus, many enemies, visible and invisible, will try to take us away from him, but not even Satan himself can snatch us away. The Lord Jesus said:

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me, and I will give to them eternal life; and they will never perish, neither will anyone snatch them out of my hand ..."

[John 10:27-28]

THE LORD JESUS LIKENS HIMSELF TO A GOOD SHEPHERD WHO TAKES CARE OF HIS SHEEP.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep."

[John 10:11]

WE ARE LIKE FOOLISH SHEEP

"We have all gone astray, just like sheep. Every one of us has gone his own way ..." [Isaiah 53:6]

WE DESERVE DEATH - - WE ARE OFFERED LIFE

We have all sinned against God so we deserve death:

"because sin's wages is death ..."
[Romans 6:23]

But God offers the free gift of eternal life:

"... but God's generosity is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
[Romans 6:23]

HE DIED ON THE CROSS SO THAT WE CAN LIVE

"We have all gone astray, just like sheep. Every one of us has gone his own way. and the LORD *God* has laid on him the guilt of every one of us."
[Isaiah 53:6]

(This prediction was made 700 years before it happened.)

HE DID IT WILLINGLY

"I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and mine know me ... I lay down my life for the sheep ... No one takes it from me, but I lay it down by myself. I have the right to lay it down, and I have the right to take it *up* again ..."

[John 10:15-18]

THOSE WHO TRUST THE LORD JESUS HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

When Jesus went to raise Lazarus from the dead he said to his sister - Martha -

"... I am the resurrection, and the life, he who puts his trust in me, even if he is dead, he will live and anyone who lives and puts his trust in me will never die ..." [John 11:25-26]

HIS LAST INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE HE ASCENDED TO HEAVEN

The Lord Jesus' gave these parting instructions to his apostles before returning to heaven:

"... Declare the ⁴good news to all creation - He who trusts and is ⁵immersed will be reprieved but he who distrusts will be condemned"

[Mark 16:15-16]

Shortly after the Lord Jesus went back to heaven his apostle Peter was the first to preach the good news saying:

"... Every one of you, repent and be immersed in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sins, ..." [Acts 2:38]

HE IS WAITING FOR YOU

"Come to me, all you who are worn out and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke on you, and learn from me; for I am meek and humble in heart, and your souls will find rest"

COME TO JESUS

NOTES

- 1 "The Lord Jesus" is the English equivalent of the Arabic "Al Hazrat Isa".
- 2 The Lord Jesus had 12 close companions whom he called his "apostles" which means: ones who are sent - i.e. his envoys. [Luke 6:13]
- 3 The English words "Messiah" and "Christ" mean the same and are both the equivalent of the Arabic word "Masih".
- 4 The English word "gospel" is the equivalent of the Arabic word "Injil" and means "good news".
- 5 Baptism (immersion in water) displays death and resurrection, of Jesus and of us rejecting the old way of life and starting a new life for Jesus. Romans 6 and Colossians 2:12
- 6 Bible quotations are direct translations mainly based on the Authorised Version of the Bible.

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The Right Way

Surah 1:6-7

إِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ
صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ
عَلَيْهِمْ
غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ
وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ

*Show us the straight way,
The way of those on whom Thou hast
bestowed Thy Grace,
Those whose (portion) is not wrath,
And who go not astray.*

Translated by Abdullah Yusuf Ali.

*Show us the Straight path,
The path of those whom thou hast favoured;
Not (the path) of those who earn Thine anger
nor of those who go astray.*

Translated by Marmaduke Pickthall.

These verses are from the end of the first surah in the Qur'an, which is called - The Opening -

This surah is known as
"The seven oft repeated verses."

[Surah 15:87]