

Walking up the King's Highway

Isaiah 35: 8-10

When Isaiah wrote these words, it is likely the Assyrians had ravaged the land, destroyed the crops, and made the highways unsafe for travel. The people of God were facing captivity and bondage at the hands of the enemy. Isaiah brought words of comfort that God would bring them forth and restore them once again.

There is also a prophetic word from Isaiah revealing the coming kingdom of God during the Millennial Reign. All of creation will be as God intended, a world of perfect peace as Christ rules and reigns. That will be a glorious time for the children of God.

The blessing for us today is that we don't have to wait until then to enjoy what God has for us. If you are saved, you can enjoy God's goodness right now! Clearly our world doesn't reflect the conditions described in these verses, but there is application for our lives. Let's consider the [blessings](#) in: [Walking up the King's Highway](#).

I. It is an Elevated Way (8a) – [And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness](#). This road I'm on today is no ordinary way; it is a highway, the King's highway. In Isaiah's day, special roads were built, usually elevated above the surrounding countryside, that only kings and priests were allowed to travel. They were clearly marked and enjoyed smooth surfaces to ensure safe and speedy travel.

- The saved by grace have access to such a highway. We get to walk with the King. I remember when I walked the low road filled with fear and despair. It was a lonely road leading to death and destruction. Then one day I met the King. He lifted me out of the miry clay of that sinful road, set my feet on the solid Rock, and established my goings in the King's highway. I no longer travel the old road of sin and sorrow; now I walk with the King!
- If you are born again, you have access to the King's highway. The children of God have no business traveling the old paths. We need to take the high road with our Lord. [Jer.6:16 – Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls](#). Let's get on the King's highway and walk pleasing to Him. There is nothing to go back too!

II. It is an Excellent Way (8a) – [And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness](#). This highway the Lord has built is known by its name. There are many roads that man can take, but this is the excellent way. It is called the way of holiness. It is the path our

blessed Lord traveled as we walked here on earth. He lived that perfect, sinless life, setting the example for us to follow.

- God expects those who travel this way to live in holiness. It is on this way that we have the glorious privilege to commune and fellowship with our Lord. We need to get back to holy living. We need those who will walk in this way and represent Jesus well. [1 Thes.4:7 – For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.](#) [2 Cor.6:17 – Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord.](#) This isn't something we should do; it is something we must do! We can't live as we please and expect to travel the Lord's highway. We can't live like the world through the week and expect to walk with God on Sunday. We are a separate people; we belong to Christ. There ought to be a noticeable difference in us! You can't travel this way only when it is convenient or when trouble comes; it must be traveled daily with holiness!

III. It is an Exclusive Way (8b, 9b) – [the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.](#) ^[9b] [but the redeemed shall walk there.](#) Thank God this road is available to whosoever will; but sadly, all are not traveling this way. The King's highway is reserved for the wayfaring man, the redeemed; the saved travel this way. The born again are wayfaring people. We are but pilgrims and strangers in this land below. This world is not our home; we are on a journey to that glorious land of splendor. This exclusive road leads home for the weary traveler. We must press on, it won't be very long.

- It is the road of the [redeemed](#). I'm glad that I'm redeemed! The word literally means *next of kin*. The saved are the family of God, the bride of Christ. This way is prepared for those who belong to Him. There are two ways that men can travel, but this way is exclusive. [Mat.7:13-14 – Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: ^{\[14\]} Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.](#) Many are on that broad road that leads to destruction, but few are traveling the strait and narrow way. You must be born again to travel the King's highway. This way is exclusive for the redeemed, but there is always room for more to travel. If you aren't on this way, you can be. [John 6:37 – All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.](#)

IV. It is an Encouraging Way (9a) – [No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there.](#) There is no fear while on the King's highway. There is nothing that can harm us while on this way. We have an adversary who seeks any opportunity to defeat us, but we are secure in Jesus. He can rage and growl, but he can't remove us from the King's highway. He is a defeated foe; his time of creating problems and hindering the church is limited.

▪ Now, we all will have trouble as we travel this pilgrim journey, but they can never separate us from the Lord! We are secure in the arms of Jesus. I'm excited about traveling this way today. When troubles come, I have a haven of rest for my weary soul. If you are saved, rejoice in the Lord. Paul saw his share of trouble, and yet he kept it in perspective. [2 Cor.4:7-9 – But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.](#) ^[8] [We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;](#) ^[9] [Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed.](#) Life will have its share of problems, but the church is headed home. One day we will travel our last mile here and step into the holy presence of our Savior!

V. It is an Expensive Way (10a) – [And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads.](#) This way has no toll booths or taxes to pay for its upkeep. It is freely available to all who travel this glorious way, but there was a great expense in building the King's highway. It was built for the ransomed of God to walk upon. The saved are ransomed, delivered from the bondage of sin. We have been set free in Jesus! We all owed a debt we could not pay. We were born in sin, separated from God; and God demanded that sin be atoned. Jesus paid our sin debt; He ransomed us from the bondage of sin.

▪ The King's highway may seem of little value to this world, but it cost my dear Savior His life! He willingly came, robed in flesh, bearing our sin, guilt, and shame on a rugged cross, hung in agony, bled and died, all for you and me. The church has access to all that heaven has to offer through the sacrifice of Christ. It is an honor and a privilege to walk this way. Jesus gave His life that we might live. I never want to forget what Jesus did for me. It is because of Him we can walk this way today!

VI. It is an Exciting Way (10b) – [they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.](#) It is on this way that we find joy and gladness, a song within our hearts. When times of sorrow come, Jesus speaks peace to my soul. I don't know about you, but I'm excited in the Lord today. I have been saved from sin and delivered from destruction. I have a Friend who walks with me each step of the way. He is in complete control of every area of my life. He is right now preparing a place for me in heaven and will one day step out on the clouds and call me home! The trouble I face down here can't even compare to what I've gained in Christ. [Rom.8:18 – For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.](#) There is no greater joy than walking with the King of glory. I have perfect peace in my soul trusting in the grace and power of my Lord. When troubles come, remember to whom you belong!

Conclusion: In closing let me say that it is also an essential way. There is no other way to life eternal than through Jesus Christ, the Savior of men's souls. I don't know what road you are traveling today, but the King's highway is the only road that leads home. All the roads this world offers lead to death and destruction. [Prov.14:12](#) – There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. [John 14:6](#) – Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Which road are you traveling today? There is only one way and that is in Jesus! You can know the joy and peace that is found in traveling the King's highway if you'll come and surrender your life to Jesus, confess your sin in repentance, and trust Christ to save your soul. Why not come and get on the King's highway?