



**PSALM 005-05**  
**WAY OF**  
**SINNER'S PATH**

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PSALM 5:9-10

# PROLOGUE: PATH OF GOD MADE CLEAR TO MY SIGHT

- FUNDAMENTAL TO ALL SCRIPTURE IS THE METAPHOR OF *THE PATH* {DEREK; דֶּרֶךְ}
  - HEBREW-GREEK DEFINITION OF SIN IS THE *CROOKED PATH* NEVER LEADING TO SALVATION (IS 59:1-13)
  - GOD'S PATH IS LEVEL {STRAIGHT}; BUT IT IS NOT APPARENT TO US DUE TO OUR SINFUL FLESH (MT 6:22-23; RO 7:7-15; 1CO 13:12)
- HAGIAZO PROCESS TRAINS OUR *NEW MINDS* TO PERCEIVE AS GOD DOES VIA DISCERNMENT USING HIS WORD AND SPIRIT: THIS TURNS OUR PATH FROM *CROOKED* TO *LEVEL* (HE 4:12-16; 5:11-14)
  - WE WILL NEVER COMPLETELY *SEE* THE STRAIGHT {LEVEL} PATH BUT IT WILL BECOME CLEARER TO OUR FACE, PERCEPTION, AS WE MATURE IN CHRIST (1CO 13:9-12; GA 2:20)
  - CHRIST LITERALLY MAKES **ALL** ROADS LEVEL IN MILLENNIAL KINGDOM, EXCEPT JERUSALEM (ZE 14:10; RE 6:14; 16:19-21)

# PROLOGUE: BELIEVER IS THE RECIPIENT – NOT THE BASIS

- PSALMIST UNDERSTANDS HE IS UNDESERVED OF GOD'S MERCY THAT SHOWED HIM HIS CROOKED PATH AND STRAIGHTENED/LEVELED HIS PATH AS HE LEARNED TO THINK AS CHRIST  
(PR 3:6)
  - THUS, TO THE LOST THE WAY OF CHRIST IS FOOLISHNESS; THEY CANNOT DISCERN GOD'S LEVEL PATH; THEY ONLY PERCEIVE THEIR CROOKED, COMPLEX, PATH WHICH DOES NOT BRING PEACE  
(IS 42:1-9; 1CO 1:20-31; 2:14)
  - AS MATURING BELIEVERS, WE PERCEIVE CHRIST'S TEMPLE IN HEAVEN'S NEW JERUSALEM AND GROAN AS WE AWAIT REDEMPTION OF OUR BODIES TO COMPLETE OUR SALVATION (RO 8:21-23; 2CO 5:1-5)
  - THOUGH WE DIMLY PERCEIVE ITS REALITY; THE SPIRIT HELPS US MATURE TOWARD THIS GOAL LAID OUT BY THE FATHER BEFORE THIS CREATION TO BE OUR REALITY IN THIS COMING NEW CREATION  
(RO 8:23-30; EP 1:3-14; RE 22:1-5, 14-17)

# BIBLE TEACHES HOW TO STUDY SCRIPTURES

- COMPARING HOW THE SAME SCRIPTURES ARE USED FROM OLD TO NEW TESTAMENTS TEACHES US HOW WE SHOULD STUDY AND LEARN FROM THE BIBLE {**EXEGESIS**}
- PAUL OFTEN QUOTED BIBLE IN HIS EPISTLES; I.E., OUR OLD TESTAMENT AS HE, UNDER INSPIRATION, WROTE MAJORITY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT (RO 3:10-18; 2TI 3:16-17)
- GOD SLOWLY REVEALED HIS PLAN AS PEOPLE MATURED IN UNDERSTANDING **AND** AS HE SLOWLY REDUCED HIS RESTRAINING INFLUENCE AGAINST SATAN'S AND SINNER'S GOALS (2TH 2:3-12)
- OLD TESTAMENT, PROGRESSIVE REVELATION, CULMINATED IN CHRIST'S SACRIFICE OBTAINING THE *NEW COVENANT*; GOD'S GOAL SINCE BEFORE CREATION (GA 4:1-7; EP 1:3-14)
- BELIEVERS MATURE VIA BIBLE, TAUGHT BY THE SPIRIT, TO DISCERN EVIL FROM GOOD (1CO 2:14; HE 5:11-6:3)

# ESSENTIAL PLANK IN UNDERSTANDING SIN'S CROOKEDNESS

- PAUL OFT QUOTED FROM PSALMS PAINTING A PICTURE OF SIN'S RECALCITRANT DECEPTIVE NATURE: LIES (RO 3:10-18)
  - THIS PASSAGE IS THE LYNCH PIN OF PAUL'S DISCUSSION AS SIN, AND THUS SINNERS, **LIE** ABOUT GOD'S, AND THEIR OWN, NATURES {WORLDVIEWS}: SATAN'S VIOLENT PATTERN (EZ 28:15-18; JN 8:44)
- SPEECH REQUIRES A DEDICATED CEREBRAL SPEECH CENTER AND MULTIPLE CRANIAL NERVES
  - BRAIN IS THE SWITCHBOARD BETWEEN EMPIRICAL {BODY} AND NON-EMPIRICAL {SOUL}
  - SPEECH FLOWS DIRECTLY FROM THE SOUL {HEART} THROUGH THE BRAIN-CRANIAL NERVES FORMED BY THE LIPS, THROAT AND TONGUE AS THE PSALMIST ILLUSTRATES UNDER INSPIRATION
  - DIRECTLY REFLECTS THE NATURE OF ONE'S SOUL: LOST OR SAVED (RO 10:8-13)

# LOST SOUL SPEAKS ONLY FROM SIN {LIES} (RO 1:18-28)

- LIPS – MOUTH
  - NO TRUTH; I.E., SPEAKS WHAT IS DIRECTED BY THE SOUL: LIES (MK 7:14-23)
- THROAT – PASSAGE FROM THE LIPS GOING DOWN {SHEOL} (NU 16; MT 23:27-28; RE 20:11-15)
  - OPEN GRAVE: SIN BEGETS FIRST DEATH {PHYSICAL} AND SECOND DEATH {ETERNAL PUNISHMENT}
- TONGUE – MAIN ORGAN OF SPEECH
  - DECEIVES AS TO ITS TRUE INTENTION; ELEVATION OF SELF OVER ALL OTHERS (GE 3:5; IS 14:13-14; JA 3:3-12)
- REMAINDER OF THE BODY CONTROLLED BY COMMUNICATION WHICH STRIVES TOWARDS THE GOAL OF CONTROL OVER OTHERS: THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE GOD {IDOLS DO NOT SPEAK} (PS 115:4-8)

# DECEPTION RESULTS IN SELF-DESTRUCTION

- THUS, SINNERS SEEK DESTRUCTION WHILE CLAIMING PEACE {ONLY WITH THEMSELVES IN CHARGE}; BUT THEY ONLY OBTAIN THEIR OWN ETERNAL JUDGMENT (RO 2:1-11)
  - BY REJECTING GOD'S TRUTH OF BOTH EMPIRICAL AND NON-EMPIRICAL, THEY BUILD WORLDVIEWS OF DECEPTION, FIRSTLY FOR THEMSELVES (PS 52:1-4; RO 1:18-28; HE 11:3)
  - THEY SEEK THE DESTRUCTION OF OTHERS FOR THEIR OWN GAIN WHILE BRINGING OTHERS INTO THEIR **DIABOLICAL** PLANS (PR 1:10-19; RO 3:10-18)
  - THEY JUDGE GOD AS *EVIL* WHILE EXCUSING THEMSELVES AS *GOOD* {THEODICY} (PS 51:4; RO 3:4)
  - THEY CONDEMN OTHERS AS WICKED WHILE IGNORING THEIR OWN SIN (RO 2:1-5)
  - THEY DEFLECT OTHERS FROM SALVATION TO PERPETUATE THEIR EVIL (JE 8:4-13; MT 23:13-15, 33)

# WORKS: BEARING ONE'S OWN SIN

- GOD LETS SINNERS *BUILD* A WORLD FROM THEIR OWN LIES BUT THERE MUST COME A DAY OF ACCOUNTABILITY {JUDGMENT} (RE 20:11-15)
  - GOD SAYS, “COME, LET US REASON TOGETHER...SIN...” (IS 1:18)
  - SINNERS DO NOT WANT TO REASON WITH GOD; THEY REJECT REPENTANCE (IS 6:9-10; EZ 3:16-19; RO 11:7-10)
  - THUS, GOD *GIVES THEM UP TO THEIR OWN DELUSION* (RO 1:18-28; 2TH 2:3-12)
  - GOD GIVES THEM THEIR DELUSION, FLOWS FROM THEIR OWN LIES; GOD LETS THEM *ENJOY* THEIR FRUITS: VIOLENCE, DEGRADATION, DEATH WHICH THEY THEN BLAME ON GOD (EX 17:1-7; NU 20:2-13)
  - THEIR COUNSELS, THEIR WORKS, REJECT GOD EMBRACING THIS CREATION EVEN THOUGH WARNED IT WILL PASS AWAY {TEMPORARY – SANDS IN AN HOURGLASS} (JE 2:11-13; MT 7:24-27; HE 1:10-12)



# REBELLION: ESSENCE OF SIN

- LIES ARISE FROM REBELLION AGAINST GOD WHILE **COVETING** TO BE GOD (ISA 15:23; COL 3:5)
  - MAN AND WOMAN WANTED KNOWLEDGE APART FROM GOD; HOWEVER, KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT GOD IS DECEPTION, LIES (JN 8:44; JA 1:13-18)
  - ALL BEHAVIOR FLOWS FROM ONE'S INNATE NATURE; SIN NATURE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION (PS 51:5)
  - GOD DELIGHTS ONLY IN TRUTH WHICH IS THE ESSENCE OF HIS NATURE (PS 51:6)
- SALVATION IS ONLY OF GOD; KNOWLEDGE OF GOD IS NOT THE BASIS: ELECTION (RO 9:6-16; JA 2:19)
  - PEACE WITH GOD COMES ONLY THROUGH CHRIST WHO DIED FOR YOUR SIN (JN 6:35-40, 44; RO 3:21-26; 5:6-11)
  - LAW OF EXCLUDED MIDDLE: LOST IN LIES OR SAVED IN TRUTH – WHICH ARE YOU? (RE 20:6)