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6-10-66 THE WAY THAT SEEMETH RIGHT

Prov. 3:1-12

INT:

One of man's greatest problems is the abuse of his free moral agency: freedom. Text. V. 7.

Too many want to be unharnessed, unshackled, untied.

1. Num. 15:38-39. Own heart & own eyes.

2. Judges 17:6 . No king. Every man..own eyes.

3. Prov. 12:15. Way of a fool is right in own eyes.

4. Prov. 16:2, 21:2, 30:12. Unclean, yet right! ?

Old Testament Examples of this vexing problem. Rom. 15:1

3 Examples.

I. WAY OF BALAAM SEEMED RIGHT TO BALAAM. Numbers 22. *1452 BC.*

A. Balak, Moabite, called Balaam to curse God's people.

1. Balaam didn't **start** it. Nor did he **stop** it!!!

B. II Pet. 2:15. Loved the wages of unrighteousness.

1. First request, just a **favor.** Vs. 6.

2. **Second, a bribe** of honor. Vs. 17.

C. God would have killed Balaam had he tried to curse Israel. Saved by the donkey. V. 33.

D. **Application:** How many turn aside to curse the church today by putting JOB, Pleasure or Rest first???

Problem: Way seems right, because want it to!

II. WAY OF MOSES SEEMED RIGHT TO MOSES AT THE TIME. Num. 20.

A. Case of sincere, self-sacrificing man. Deut. 9:14-19.

B. Followed the Way of Unrighteousness. V. 8, 10-11.

C. Sin of unbelief, in a thoughtless moment. V. 12.

D. **Application:** Way seems right to some to believe, repent and confess Christ. Omit baptism! **Why!**

See. BILLY GRAHAM

III. WAY OF NADAB AND ABIHU SEEMD RIGHT TO NADAB & ABIHU. L 10

A. Sons of Aaron! High Priest! Just servants of God!!

B. Cause of their way of transgression still a mystery.

1. Tired of the old, set routine? Problem of youth!

2. Want to spice up life with a little variety?

3. Improving on God's "old fashioned" way?

C. **Application:** Instrument of music to improve musical part of worship. **Improve the singers!!**

Omit Lord's Supper because boring. **Improve the spirituality of the worshipper!!**

Sprinkling more convenient and less awkward than baptism. Rom. 6:3-5. Col. 2:12. Acts 8:38-39.

INV.

ALL WE'RE ASKING IS THAT YOU GO GOD'S WAY.

Remind you: Jer. 10:23 Prov. 14:12 John 14:6!!

COME RIGHT NOW!