

"The Road To The City." Ecclesiastes 10:15.

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The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city.

1-The entire book of Ecclesiastes is a lament.

2-It is a tragic wail of a man who has exhausted the capacity of this world to satisfy and has found it all "vanity of vanities."

3-The text before us contain a figure of speech:

1-It compares a foolish sinful man with one who does not know how to go to the city.

2-There are millions today who know not how "to go to the city."

4-There is a city:

1-All of us hope to arrive at that city.

2-Melchizedek tried to build that city on this earth.

3-Abraham hoped for that city:

"For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Hebrews 11:10.

4-Jesus called this city:

"The Father's House," and told his disciples of its "many mansions." John 14:2.

4-The Apostle John saw this city:

The, New Jerusalem, "Coming down from God out of heaven. Revelation 21:2. Also-"Holy City."

6-By faith, every man may see this city, "The City Foursquare;" and the redeemed shall "enter in through the gates" to everlasting joy.

5-Millions of mankind will never arrive at the pearly gate. They do not know how to go to the city:

1-The fault is not the Lord's; it is man's.

2-Men have substituted:

1-"I think" and "I believe" for "Thus Saith the Lord."

2-Men have been and are now busy walking in their own roads instead of in the way of the Lord.

6-Here we shall point out some of the roads that men have built:

1-These roads are crowded with the thoughtless.

2-These are broad roads, every one of them, choking with their precious traffic of souls.

1-There is "The All Church Highway."

1-This not really just one highway but a net work, criss-crossing in every conceivable way.

1-Here is a section that runs counter to the Deity of Christ.

2-Here is another that denies the Lord's baptism.

3-Another that denies the Lord's Day.

4-Still another that denies the Lord's Supper.

2-No fundamental doctrine of the Bible is neglected.

1-Every one of them has been cut asunder by the roads that men have built.

2-There is "The Faith-Only Boulevard."

1-It begins as a "highway" but soon widens out into an interminable plane.

2-This road is so broad and wide that wherever one turns, he is still in this so called road.

3-There is "Ritualistic Avenue."

1-This route is adorned with ornate cathedrals and decorated with shrines and images.

2-There are toll gates along this way.

1-One pays to be christened, pays to be forgiven, pays for his sins, and at last pays for a grave in holy ground.

4-There is "Morality Road."

- 1-Many and distinguished are the names that one meets in this road.
- 2-This road, in which men are supposedly saved by their own merit, actually runs parallel to the true road:
  - 1-But between them there flows a river-"The blood of Jesus Christ."

5-There is "The Street of Indifference."

- 1-This highway leads away from the true road.
- 2-It is attractive and filled with an innumerable company of the thoughtless.
- 3-Those who travel in this road:
  - 1-Are those who claim the Lord's Day for themselves.
  - 2-They are those who have not added the virtues of the christian and who cannot see a far off.

6-There is "Hypocrisy Park."

- 1-This park is not road, but it is on, or at least very near, the true highway.
- 2-Those who travel this road move out onto the highway of holiness occasionally and even mingle with the redeemed for awhile but never get anywhere.

7-Finally, there is "The True Way."

- 1-Jesus said,  
"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

2-Parts of this way:

- 1-His person, his doctrine, his church, his sacrifice, his Spirit-All these are parts of the true way.

