

“Before Christmas: The Highway”

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Isaiah 35:8

*And a highway will be there;
it will be called the Way of Holiness;
it will be for those who walk on that Way.
The unclean will not journey on it;
wicked fools will not go about on it.*

There is only one way to a relationship with God: the Way of Holiness.

*What does it mean to be “holy”?
How does a person become “holy”?*

John 14:6

Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

John 13:8

Jesus said, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with Me.”

Isaiah 35:9

*No lion will be there,
nor any ravenous beast;
they will not be found there.
But only the redeemed will walk there,
and those the Lord has rescued will return.*

As they walk the Way, those who have been redeemed will be protected from destruction.

John 16:11

Jesus said, “The prince of this world now stands condemned.”

1 Peter 1:18-19

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Isaiah 35:10

*They will enter Zion with singing;
everlasting joy will crown their heads.
Gladness and joy will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.*

The Way will lead God’s people to their ultimate destination: Zion, God’s dwelling place.

Ephesians 5:19-20

Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.