

The Heaven Bound Walk

(Matthew 7:13-14)

The verses above put our lives in perspective. In life we are traveling on either one of two paths. Either we are on the broad path that leads to eternal destruction, or the narrow path that leads to eternal life. Either we are hell bound, or heaven bound!

If we really want to be heaven bound, then there are some things that we have to be willing to do. According to the Bible, the “heaven bound walk” looks a certain way.

I. **It is a walk of Faith.**

- A. Without this it is impossible to please God (2 Corinthians 5:6-7; Hebrews 11:1-3, 6).
 - 1. This requires believing in things that we have not yet seen.
 - 2. Noah walked this walk and found favor with God (Hebrews 11:7).
- B. Like Noah, with each step we take in life, we must constantly be thinking about the promises of God yet to be fulfilled!

II. **It is a walk of Obedience.**

- A. Real faith in God leads to this (Hebrews 11:4, 7).
 - 1. A failure to do this is why Israel missed their rest.
 - 2. The Hebrew writer urges us to learn from their mistake (Hebrews 4:11-12).
- B. We serve a God who expects His word to be studied and obeyed (Matthew 7:21-23).

III. **It is a walk of Love.**

- A. Love for God
 - 1. We must love God with all our might (Matthew 22:37-38).
 - 2. We demonstrate this with our obedience to Him (John 14:15).
- B. Love for others (Matthew 22:39-40)
 - 1. This includes our brothers and sisters in Christ (1 John 4:20-21).
 - 2. This also includes the lost in the world (Matthew 28:19).

IV. **It is a walk of Gratitude.**

- A. Do you live your life with this?
 - 1. Israel did not in the days of Moses (Exodus 16:2-3; 17:3).
 - 2. Nine out of ten lepers also failed to express this after being healed by Jesus (Luke 17:11-19). Are you behave like the nine?
- B. God expects His people to live lives of gratitude and appreciation (Colossians 4:2)!

V. **It is a walk of Focus.**

- A. This world is not our true home (2 Corinthians 5:8; Colossians 3:2; Philippians 3:20).
 - 1. We are just pilgrims passing through (1 Peter 2:11).
 - 2. So often, we get so wrapped up in this world that we lost sight of this.
- B. We need to make sure that we are constantly thinking and talking about heaven. We need to make sure that our daily decisions are made with heaven in view. Only then will we never lose sight of it!

Conclusion: Are you heaven bound this morning? If not, then it is time to begin the journey!