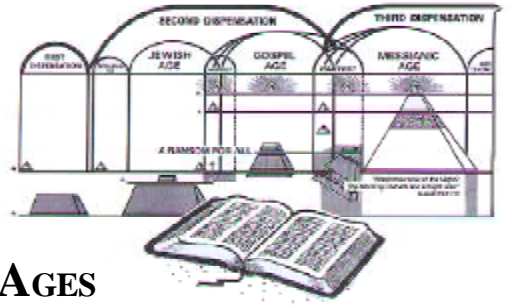


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THE DIVINE PLAN OF THE AGES

STUDY 11

THE THREE WAYS

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- ♦ **BEFORE** filling in the blanks, please prayerfully **study** the 29 paragraphs and the scriptures cited with the questions. We suggest that you number the paragraphs in your book.
- ♦ Return your answers to us. **PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE.** Our Canadian and International friends may make special arrangements for the postage.
- ♦ Your answers will be checked and returned to you for your future studies.
- ♦ **STUDY 12** will be sent when you have completed this lesson.

1. The *three ways* are the **BROAD** way, the **NARROW** way, and the **HIGHWAY**. (Matthew 7:13, 14; Isaiah 35:8)

2. **ADAM** opened the broad way. (Gen. 2:17) The broad way leads to **DESTRUCTION**. (Matt. 7: 13) Adam lived **930** years and died. (Gen. 5:5) Is the average length of life now much less? **YES**

3. How many have tried to change their course and retrace their steps? **ONLY A FEW** Is it possible at the present for one to retrace all of his steps? **NO** A way of escape was brought to light at the beginning of the **GOSPEL** age. Who brought life and immortality to light through the gospel? (2 Timothy 1:10) **JESUS** What is the prize of the high calling of the Gospel Church? **IMMORTALITY**

4. The great mass of mankind does not heed the good tidings because depraved by **SIN** and **BLINDED** by the adversary. Fully consecrated believers have the privilege of walking in the **NARROW** way.

5. How many walk the narrow way? **FEW**

6. The highest form of life is **IMMORTALITY**.

7. Who is the fountain of all life? **JEHOVAH** Is life an energizing principle? **YES** Is the creature a part of the Creator's nature? **NO**

8. The term *immortality* signifies **DEATH - PROOF**, consequently disease and pain-proof. In fact, *immortality* may be used as a synonym for **DIVINITY**. From the divine, *immortal* fountain proceed all **LIFE** and blessing, every good and perfect **GIFT**.

9. The sunlight shining upon a diamond, upon a brick, and upon various kinds of glass,

produces strikingly different **EFFECTS**. Do the various creatures show forth differently the various organic powers they possess? **YES**

10. Man was one of the masterpieces of God's **CREATION**, made only a little lower than the **ANGELS**. Man can possess and enjoy **LIFE** only as the supply of **LIFE** is continued. One of the strongest proofs that man is not immortal, is that since sin entered, **DEATH** has passed upon all the human race.

11. Adam was separated from the trees of life, good for food, after his **TRANSGRESSION**, that thereby the death-penalty might go into effect.

12. The glory and beauty of humanity are seen to be dependent on the continued supply of **LIFE**. Is there any work, device or knowledge in the grave? (Job 14: 10, 21; Eccl. 9: 10) **NO** Man is to have his beauty restored since a **RANSOM** has been found. (1 Timothy 2:3-6) Will all in the graves come forth? **YES**

13. One must have a positive and explicit **INVITATION** before he could rightfully aspire to the divine nature.

14. Originally only the heavenly **FATHER** possessed immortality. Do angels, men, beasts, birds, and fish differ in character, capacity, and quality? **YES**

15. Our Lord was exalted to the divine, immortal **NATURE** at the time of his resurrection from the dead. God's definition of *immortality* is **LIFE** in himself. (John 5:26) During the Gospel age, the offer of **IMMORTALITY** is extended to those who have accepted Jesus and consecrated to righteous living. The narrow way leads to glory, honor, and **IMMORTALITY**.

16. Those who follow faithfully in the footsteps of Jesus receive divine SPIRIT bodies in the resurrection. (1 Cor. 15:40) Do we know what a spirit body is? NO Those who are more than overcomers will be like Christ Jesus and shall SEE him as he is. (1 John 3:2; Colossians 1:27; 2 Corinthians 4:17; John 17:22)

17. The fully consecrated of the GOSPEL age have escaped the condemnation that is on the world. (Rom. 8:1) The masses of mankind prefer the BROAD, easy way of self-gratification.

18. Immortality is gained through the sacrifice of the HUMAN nature even unto death. The world of mankind, if obedient, will actually receive perfect HUMAN life. The consecrated *little flock* sacrifice and die with Christ in order that they may become partakers of the DIVINE nature. (2 Peter 1:4; 2 Timothy 2:11, 12)

19. The *little flock* is being prepared for the great work of RESTORING and BLESSING the world during the Millennial age. The GOSPEL age is the acceptable time for the selection of the *little flock*. Will Adamic death be permitted forever? NO

20. As new creatures the saints of the Gospel age are on the way to LIFE. The MIND of God in us is the germ of the new nature.

21. Is it possible for one who has been begotten of the spirit to die? (Romans 8:13) YES The sons of God are led by the spirit of GOD. (Rom. 8:14) Once that one's full consecration has been accepted by the heavenly Father, is it useless to take back that vow? YES

22. Many consecrated ones partially lose sight of the great prize and try to walk upon a MIDDLE road. Is the friendship of the world enmity with God? (James 4:4) YES The consecrated are to seek honor which comes from GOD only. (John 5:44)

23. A great multitude who love the present world, but have not wholly forsaken the Lord, are turned over to SATAN for the destruction of the flesh. (1 Corinthians 5:5) The great multitude will serve God in his TEMPLE and stand before the THRONE. (Revelation 7:9-17) The *little flock* will be KINGS and PRIESTS unto God, seated with Jesus in the throne as his bride and joint-heir. (Revelation 14:1-3)

24. STRENGTH is furnished for each successive step of those walking in the narrow way. The fully consecrated have the privilege of coming

boldly to the throne of GRACE. (Hebrews 4:16) The *more than overcomers* will receive the CROWN of glory. (1 Peter 5:4)

25. The way to immortality has been a way which required the sacrifice forever of the HUMAN nature. The way to human perfection (the hope of the world) will require the putting away of SIN.

26. The way to actual human perfection will be made very PLAIN and EASY. (Isaiah 35:8) During the time the highway of holiness is open, ALL will know the Lord. (Jeremiah 31:34) The highway of holiness will be open to every MAN for whom Christ died. (Isaiah 35:8-10)

27. Each INDIVIDUAL will, according to his necessities, be aided by the wise and perfect administration of the new kingdom. The ones who faithfully walk in the narrow way will bless all the FAMILIES of the earth. (Genesis 22: 17, 18) Will sinful things be prohibited when the highway of holiness is opened? YES Those who walk the narrow way must DENY themselves and SACRIFICE many things not sinful, as well as war continually against besetting sins.

28. Are there now many frightful lions in the way of those who would be glad to forsake sinful ways, and pursue righteousness? YES Will anyone be allowed to hurt and destroy others after the highway of holiness is opened? (Isaiah 11:9) NO Will the stumbling stones be gathered out? (Isaiah 62:10) YES Evil doers who refuse to obey shall be CUT off (destroyed). (Psalm 37:9; Acts 3:23) The ransomed of the Lord will obtain JOY and HAPPINESS; SORROW and SIGHING shall flee away. (Isaiah 35:10) At the first advent our Lord did not refer to the *highway* of holiness (Matt. 7:13, 14) and omitted mentioning the *day of vengeance* when reading Isaiah's prophecy, because it was not yet DUE to be opened up. (Isaiah 61:2; Luke 4: 18-20) Now that the Millennial day is dawning, is the *highway* of holiness beginning to be seen more and more distinctly? YES

29. The broad way which leads to *death* was opened because of Adam's SIN. (Rom. 5:12) Our LORD will open the *highway* of holiness. (Isaiah 35:8-10) The precious BLOOD of Jesus makes it possible for some to walk in the narrow way. Those faithfully walking in the footsteps of Jesus count all other hopes as but LOSS and DROSS in comparison. (Philippians 3:8-15)