

# HAST THOU MARKED THE OLD WAY JOB 22:15

Text: Job 22:15

(Job 22:15 KJV) "Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden?"

Introduction:

Marking the Old Way involves: to hedge about, guard; to protect, attend to, beware, be circumspect, take heed, mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save, sure, watchman).

Our text is telling us to mark to old way. What it is telling us is to learn from the mistakes of others. You can see where it has led so learn from it. Mark the old way. Learn from the mistakes and learn what path to take.

Things were marked in the Bible with Landmarks. See Deu 19:14; Deu 27:14; Prov 22:28; Prov 23:10

(Deu 19:14 KJV) "Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's landmark, which they of old time have set

in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it."

(Deu 27:14 KJV) "And the Levites shall speak, and say unto all the men of Israel with a loud voice,"

(Prov 22:28 KJV) "Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set."

(Prov 23:10 KJV) "Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless:"

Notice with me:

## **1. PURPOSE OF THE LANDMARK**

A. Mark the paths.

1. Good
2. Bad

## **2. PREPARATION OF THE LANDMARK**

A. One must mark out the boundary.

B. One learns the path to mark from God's word.

See 2 Tim 2:15

(2 Tim 2:15 KJV) "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

See Ps 119:105

(Psa 119:105 KJV) "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

See Ps 23:3; Ps 25:4

(Psa 23:3 KJV) "He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

(Psa 25:4 KJV) "Show me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths."

### **3. PRECAUTIONS OF THE LANDMARK**

A. Don't remove them.

See Deu 27:17

(Deu 27:17 KJV) "Cursed be he that removeth his neighbour's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen."

## 4. PRESERVED

### A. Prayer

See Luke 11:1

(Luke 11:1 KJV) "And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

1. Prayer is the only thing learned to do by praying.

Illustration:

You never learn how to swim until you jump into the water.

(Read: The Death Notice)

Sister old time prayer meeting died recently at first neglected church on worldly avenue. She was born in the midst of great revivals. She was a strong health child, fed largely on testimony and spiritual holiness.

Soon growing into worldwide prominence she was one of the most influential members of the famous church family. She was a great influence for good, gathering

multitudes to hear the story of Him who wore the seamless garment.

For several years, our sister had been failing in her health, gradually wasting away. She was finally rendered helpless by stiff knees, coldness of heart, inactivity, and lack of will power. At last she was barely a shadow of her former self.

Religious experts disagree as to the cause of her fatal illness. They administered to her large doses of organization, socials, concerts & contest, dramas, and religious education, but all to no avail. A post mortem showed spiritual food deficiency coupled with a lack of fasting, faith, and repentance. Shameless desertion and non-support were contributing causes. Only a few were present at her funeral sobbing over memories of her past beauty and power. There were no flowers. Her favorite hymns Rock of Ages and Amazing Grace were not sung

The body rest in the cemetery of the bygone glories, awaiting the summons from above, then she will be ushered in the presence of God, spotless, and full of glory.

In honor of her departing, the church doors will be closed on Wednesday evenings. The third Wednesday night of each month, the ladies pink lemonade society will serve refreshments to the men's softball team.

## B. Purity

### 1. We need to cleanse our:

a. Hearts

b. Habits

c. Homes

See Eph 4:22-24

(Eph 4:22-24 KJV) "That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; {23} And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; {24} And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

## C. Preaching

See 2 Tim 4:2

(2 Tim 4:2 KJV) "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

1. The preachers that we have lost in the last 25 years.

- Gypsey Smith
- R G Lee
- John Rice
- B R Lakin
- Lester Roloff
- Bob Jones Sr
- Oliver B Green
- Harold Sightler
- Curtis Hutson
- Lee Roberson
- Jack Hyles
- Tom Malone

2. What is coming up behind them?

3. We are failing to replace our ranks.

D. Praise

We are so concerned about being labeled a Charismatic.

Illustration: Dallas Beckelhimer.

E. Proclamation.

See Matt 28:19,20

(Mat 28:19-20 KJV) "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: {20} Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

(Mark 16:15 KJV) "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Close

There is a nation here that is dying and on their way to Hell. There is a generation of young people who have never seen a revival. They have never seen God move in among us. I'm tired of reading about revival and want to see God move right now, in my life time in our community, in our church.



How do we take it easy, when its fire burns with in?

How do you take it easy in a world crushed by sin?

How do you take it easy with a thousand tribes to tell?

How do you take it easy in a world that speeds to Hell?

How do you take it easy while the Church sleeps in ease?

How do you take it easy, will someone tell me please.

We have got to get back to the old landmarks. The word landmark means something that is driven into the ground to mark a boundary.

Some of you need to come and drive a stake and say:

- God I'm going to become a man or woman of prayer once again
- Lord I'm going to be pure and do away with all that is not clean in my life
- God I know you're dealing with me about preaching. I'll be a preacher for you.
- I'm going to become one that praises God in all things See Eph 5:20

(Eph 5:20 KJV) "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;"

- I'm going to be one who tells everyone I find and everyone I meet about this Jesus who has washed me in His Blood.