

Week 1 – Ancient Paths

You know, two or three years ago when I began studying the times and seasons of God's Appointed Feasts and even when I began studying the biblical trumpets, I was walking on ancient paths before I even knew what ancient paths were or where they were found. I just didn't know.

I find it, not by coincidence, that Dennis Sharp shared a video on my timeline by Dr. Kynan Bridges today. In his video, Dr. Bridges talks about powers that are attempting to destroy "foundations" in the material fabric of our nation. I believe that the "foundations" of the material fabric of our earth is targeted for destruction. The forces, powers, and principalities of darkness in these evil days are determined to destroy these "foundations" which I believe are the Ancient Paths that I am about to speak about. In a moment you'll understand why.

On December 12, 2018 I young woman prophesied over me using Jeremiah 6:16 (in part, as she put it.

Jeremiah 6:16

Thus says the Lord, "Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, Where the good way is, and walk in it; And you will find rest for your soul." That was the part that she was directing towards me. The remainder of the verse reads, "But they said, "We will not walk in it." Whether she knew it or not, that part applied to me as well. Remember when I spoke about being in a state of unrest. God wasn't using me the way I thought that He should. I had been walking on an ancient path with realizing it in my studies. I was learning a lot but I was missing out on something. There was no rest for my soul. It's because I was walking on the ancient path and didn't know it. I was not **STANDING**. I was not **SEEING** or **ASKING** for the **ANCIENT PATHS**.

I was confused. I read the verse many times and I prayed many times until finally, mercifully, the light came on. I knew "Stand" as instruction because I remembered "Stand firm" stated specifically three times in Ephesians chapter 6. But See? See What? Ask? Ask what? Ask who? Ancient paths? What were the ancient paths? I ascertained that not all "ways" were the ancient paths but that the "good way" was found only on the ancient paths. Then the light bulb turned on. Jesus said, "I am the way....." Ahhh. Now I was getting somewhere. The ancient paths are the instructions, directions, shadows of Yeshua, Jesus Christ found in the Old Testament and, in some instances, the New Testament.

Do you remember, last week I said that I had been miserable and my soul was in a constant state of turmoil? Well, according to the Jeremiah 6:16 if I walk in the "good way", Jesus, then I'd have rest for my soul. The ancient paths lead towards Yeshua. Don't believe it? Let's look at Matthew 11:29. "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Jesus was directly referencing Jeremiah 6:16!

The ancient paths in the Bible lead to Jesus, Yeshua, the Son of God. They lead to Adonai, God the Father, and Ruach ha-Chadesh. There we find rest for our tormented souls. When we place our trust in God we can rest. When we try to fix "life" around us on our own? Not so much. The

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ancient paths are the instructions, directions, order, and process that lead us to God that we may have rest.

Let me give you an example.

We all know 2nd Chronicles 7:14 which reads:

“And My people who are called by My name humble themselves
and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways,
THEN I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin
And will heal their land.”

Here, the people of Israel found rest in a promise of God and we can too. However, this path requires us to act first. Let’s look at the process and order.

1. “And My people who are called by My name...” We have to be HIS people
2. “humble themselves..” we have to become humble. We can’t fix it on our own. We cannot “save” ourselves.
3. “and pray” We must PRAY!
4. “and seek My face..” We must seek the Face of God
5. “and turn from their wicked ways...” Ouch! That one stings! We have to turn from our wicked ways. That’s repentance.
6. “THEN” I love that word “then”.
7. “I will hear from heaven.” He will hear when we have completed #1-#5
8. “will forgive their sin...” Only after we have completed #1-#5 and He has heard
9. “and will heal their land.” The blessings flow.

Notice the order and process. God is a God of order and process. God offers three promises.

1. He will hear
2. He will forgive
3. He will heal

But only AFTER we (1) have established ourselves as His people, (2) AFTER we humble ourselves, (4) AFTER we pray and (5) AFTER we turn from our wicked way and truly repent. By the way, repentance is not you telling God about how sorry you are about how bad you have been. God knows how bad you have been. To repent means to change one’s mind, one’s direction.

Now, notice that there are five steps in the process that we must do to obtain only three promises from God. However, those three promises greatly outweigh the effort made on our part.

That’s what the ancient paths are all about. It’s about finding the instructions that God has given us in His Word regarding how He wants things done. When there are promises, lists, order of process given, that is usually an Ancient path. It always leads to deity. It’s about walking in these ancient paths out of obedience. Don’t get correction and punishment confused. God no longer

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“punishes” us but offers correction. God corrects His people when they go astray. With obedience come great blessings

Hebrews 12:4-13

4. You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin.
5. And you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons,
“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you
Are reproved by Him;
6. For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines
And He scourges (whips) every son whom He receives. (Proverbs 3:11-12)
7. It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?
8. But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children (bastards) and not sons.
9. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits and live?
10. For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He (God) disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.
11. All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness (not yielding righteousness but the fruit of righteousness)
12. Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble,
13. And make straight the paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not put out of joint, but rather be healed (blessing).

Hold everything! Could it be that our healing could be tied to the ancient paths, obedience, and discipline? I'll let you decide for yourselves.

I am The Old Watchman, Ezekiel. Now you have the light to walk the ancient paths. Walk in it. You'll find rest for your soul in these dark and evil days.