

# **Barriers**

## **On The Road Toward Hell**

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It is sad, but true, that many hear the Gospel, but refuse to heed the warnings.

In the end, sinners must finally give a cry of despair.

Jeremiah proclaimed long ago,

- “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are **NOT** saved.” ([Jer.8:20](#))

The Lord Jesus spoke of the danger.

- He said that some, “shall go away into everlasting PUNISHMENT: but the righteous into life eternal.” ([Matt.25:46](#))
- “And whosoever was not found written in the book of life, was **CAST** into the lake of FIRE.” ([Rev.20:15](#))
- Jesus will say, “unto them on the left hand, **DEPART** from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting FIRE, prepared for the devil and his angels:” ([Matt.25:41](#))

A decision to walk in the broad way, is individual and personal.

- The Bible says, “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for **WIDE** is the gate, and **BROAD** is the way, that leadeth to **DESTRUCTION**, and **MANY** there be which go in thereat: <sup>14</sup> because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and **FEW** there be that find it.” ([Matt.7:13-14](#))

God does not force salvation, but He has set up **BARRIERS** to warn us.

Some may try to run over, or go around those barriers, but they are still there, and those who are lost, must of necessity, **OVERCOME** the obstacles.

Consider with me, a lesson entitled, “*Barriers, On The Road Toward Hell*”.

## I. Jehovah God, The Creator and Sustainer of All

Is certainly a “Barrier, On The Road Toward Hell”.

### A. His GRACE, Stands in the Way

The Bible says,

- “For the **GRACE** of God, that bringeth SALVATION, hath appeared to ALL men, <sup>12</sup> teaching us that, DENYING ungodliness and worldly lusts, we **SHOULD LIVE, soberly, righteously, and godly, IN** this present world;” ([Titus 2:11-12](#))
- “even when we were dead in sins, (God) hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)” ([Eph.2:5](#))

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### B. God’s LOVE, Stands in the Way

- “For God so **LOVED** the world, that He **GAVE** His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth IN Him, **SHOULD NOT perish**, but have **EVERLASTING LIFE**.” ([Jn.3:16](#))
- “God commendeth His **LOVE** toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ **DIED** for us.” ([Rom.5:8](#))
- “but **IF** we walk in the **LIGHT**, as He is **IN** the **LIGHT**, we have **FELLOWSHIP** one with another, and the **BLOOD** of Jesus Christ, His Son, **CLEANSETH** us from all sin.” ([1Jn.1:7](#))

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### C. God's LONGSUFFERING, also Stands in the Way

- "Who will have all men to be saved, and to **COME** unto the knowledge of the **Truth**." ([1Tim.2:4](#))
- "The Lord is **NOT** slack concerning His promise, **AS** some men count slackness (or slowness); but is longsuffering to us-ward, **NOT willing** that any should perish, but that all should **COME** to repentance." ([2Pet.3:9](#))

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## II. Jesus Christ, The Son of The Living God

### A. Christ Endured the Cross for the Sins of the World

- "even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to **GIVE** His life a ransom for many." ([Matt.20:28](#))
- "**God commendeth** His **LOVE toward us**, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ **DIED** for us." ([Rom.5:8](#))

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### B. Christ Came to SEEK and SAVE the Lost, which is a GRAND Barrier

The Bible says,

- "For the Son of man is **COME** to **SEEK** and to **SAVE** that which was lost." ([Lk.19:10](#))

### C. Jesus Has Invited All to Come to Him

He said,

- "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me." ([Jn.12:32](#))
- "**COME** unto Me, all ye that labour and are **HEAVY laden**, and I will **GIVE** you rest. <sup>29</sup> **TAKE** My yoke upon you, and **LEARN** of Me; for I am meek and lowly in **HEART**: and ye shall find **REST** unto your **SOULS**." ([Matt.11:28-29](#))

Christ Jesus puts up barriers, but sadly some bypass those barriers and,

### D. Trample Him Underfoot

The Bible says,

- "of how much sorer **PUNISHMENT**, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath **TRODDEN UNDER FOOT** the Son of God, and hath **COUNTED** the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was Sanctified, an **UNHOLY** thing, and hath **DONE DESPITE** unto the Spirit of **GRACE**?" ([Heb.10:29](#))
- Jesus said, "**I AM** the **WAY**, the **TRUTH**, and the **LIFE**: **NO** man cometh unto the Father, **BUT** by Me." ([Jn.14:6](#))

### III. The Holy Spirit, Also Interferes

#### A. He REVEALED Saving Truth (to the apostles, who share it with us)

- Jesus told His apostles, “when **He**, the **Spirit of Truth**, is **COME**, He will **GUIDE** you into **ALL Truth**: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come. <sup>14</sup> He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall shew it unto you. <sup>15</sup> All things that the Father hath are Mine: therefore said I, that He shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.” ([Jn.16:13-15](#))
- “**ALL Scripture** is **GIVEN** by inspiration **OF God**, and is **PROFITABLE** for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be perfect (or complete), throughly **FURNISHED** unto all good **WORKS**.” ([2Tim.3:16-17](#))
- “and ye shall **KNOW** the Truth, and the **TRUTH** shall make you **FREE**.” ([Jn.8:32](#))

#### B. The Holy Spirit, INVITES with All TENDERNESS

- “the Spirit and the bride say, **COME**. And let him that **HEARETH** say, Come. And let him that is **ATHIRST** come. And whosoever **WILL**, let him **TAKE** the water of **LIFE**, freely.” ([Rev.22:17](#))

#### C. The Holy Spirit, Clearly WARNS

- “He that believeth **AND** is baptized shall be **SAVED**; but he that believeth **NOT** shall be **DAMNED**.” ([Mk.16:16](#))
- “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times, some shall **DEPART** from the faith, giving **HEED** to seducing spirits, and doctrines of **DEVILS**;” ([1Tim.4:1](#))
- “**IF** a man abide **NOT** in Me, he is **CAST forth** as a branch, and is **WITHERED**; and men gather them, and **CAST** them into the fire, and they are **BURNED**.” ([Jn.15:6](#))

In its Very Design,

### IV. The Gospel of Christ, Stands Squarely In The Way

- Paul said, “For I am **NOT** ashamed of the **GOSPEL** of Christ: for it is the **POWER** of God unto **SALVATION**, to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” ([Rom.1:16](#))
- “Who shall tell thee **WORDS**, whereby thou and all thy house, shall be **SAVED**.” ([Acts 11:14](#))
- “And now, brethren, I **COMMEND** you to God, and to the **WORD** of His **GRACE**, which is able to **BUILD** you up, and to **GIVE** you an inheritance, among all them which are **SANCTIFIED**.” ([Acts 20:32](#))

Sadly some,

#### A. Boldly Walk, In the Broad Way of Destruction ([Matt.7:13-14](#)),

in spite of the Bible being seen openly, everywhere one turns, such as a motel, hospital, bookstore, discount store, online and at home.

## B. The Gospel CAN Be Heard,

...in well-researched sermons, which are prayerfully-presented in Love.

The Gospel Includes, Enticing Thoughts of PEACE.

- To those who are His, Jesus said, “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.” ([Heb.8:12](#))
- “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath **BLESSED** us, with **ALL spiritual BLESSINGS**, **IN** heavenly places, **IN** Christ:” ([Eph.1:3](#))

The Gospel Warns, about Preparation of Death.

- “it is **APPOINTED** unto men once to **DIE**, but after this the **JUDGMENT**.” ([Heb.9:27](#))
- “ye know **NOT**, what shall be on the morrow. For **WHAT** is your life? It is even a **VAPOUR**, that **APPEARETH** for a little Time, and then **VANISHETH** away.” ([Jas.4:14](#))

The Gospel Confirms, the Judgment to Come.

- “The Lord is **NOT** slack, concerning His promise, **AS** some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **NOT** willing that any should perish, but that **ALL** should **COME** to repentance.

<sup>10</sup> But the **DAY** of the Lord will **COME**, as a thief in the night; in the which the **HEAVENS** shall pass away with a **GREAT NOISE**, and the **ELEMENTS** shall melt with **FERVENT HEAT**, the **EARTH** also and the works that are therein, shall be **BURNED UP**.

<sup>11</sup> Seeing then that all these things shall be **DISSOLVED**, **WHAT** manner of persons **OUGHT** ye to **BE**, **IN** all **HOLY** conversation (or conduct) and godliness,” ([2Pet.3:9-11](#))

- Jesus will say, “...unto them on the left hand, **DEPART** from Me, ye cursed, into **EVERLASTING FIRE**, prepared for the devil and his angels:” ([Matt.25:41](#))

The Gospel Speaks, of A Joyous Eternal Reward.

To some, the Lord will say,

- “...**WELL DONE**, thou good and faithful **SERVANT**: thou hast been **FAITHFUL** over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: **ENTER** thou **INTO** the **JOY** of thy Lord.” ([Matt.25:21](#))
- The King will, “...say unto them on His right hand, **COME**, ye blessed of My Father, **INHERIT** the kingdom **PREPARED** for you, from the foundation of the world:” ([Matt.25:34](#))

Paul said,

- “...having a **DESIRE** to depart, and to be **WITH** Christ; ...is far **BETTER**.” ([Phil.1:23](#))

## V. Godly Relatives, Who Intervene

...which may be a,

### A. Wife or Husband

- The Bible says, “For what knowest thou, O **WIFE**, whether thou shalt **SAVE** thy husband? or how knowest thou, O **MAN**, whether thou shalt **SAVE** thy wife?” ([1Cor.7:16](#))
- “Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word, be won by the conversation (or conduct) of the wives;” ([1Pet.3:1](#))
- “Likewise, ye husbands, **DWELL** with them according to knowledge, **GIVING** honour unto the wife, **AS** unto the weaker vessel, and **AS** being heirs **TOGETHER** of the grace of **LIFE**; that your prayers be **NOT hindered**.” ([1Pet.3:7](#))

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### B. Other Kinfolk, Who Intervene

The Bible says of Andrew,

- “He first findeth his own **BROTHER** Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. <sup>42</sup> And he **BROUGHT** him to Jesus.” ([Jn.1:41-42a](#))
- Paul told Timothy, “when I call to remembrance the unfeigned **FAITH** that is **IN** thee, which **DWELT** first in thy **GRANDMOTHER** Lois, and thy **MOTHER** Eunice; and I am persuaded that, in thee also.” ([2Tim.1:5](#))
- “Children, obey your **PARENTS** in the Lord: for this is right.” ([Eph.6:1](#))
- “And, ye fathers, provoke **NOT** your **CHILDREN** to wrath: but **BRING** them up, **IN** the nurture and admonition **OF The Lord**.” ([Eph.6:4](#))

Older believing women, are to,

- “...teach the young women to be sober, to love their **HUSBANDS**, to love their **CHILDREN**,” ([Titus 2:4](#))

With so many barriers to **AVOID** eternal hell,  
One would have to forget, their training of youth, to bypass those barriers.

The wisdom of Proverbs says,

- “My son, **KEEP** thy father’s commandment, and forsake **NOT** the law of thy mother:  
<sup>21</sup> **BIND** them continually upon thine heart, and **TIE** them about thy neck.  
<sup>22</sup> When thou goest, it shall **LEAD** thee; when thou sleepest, it shall **KEEP** thee;  
and when thou awakest, it shall **TALK** with thee.  
<sup>23</sup> For the commandment is a **LAMP**; and the law is **LIGHT**;  
and reproofs of **INSTRUCTION**, are the **WAY** of **LIFE**.” ([Prov.6:20-23](#))

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One would have to overlook, good examples before you.

- Christians were told to, “**BE** blameless and harmless, the sons **OF God**, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as **LIGHTS** in the world;  
<sup>16</sup> **HOLDING** forth the **WORD** of Life; that I may rejoice in the **DAY** of Christ, that I have **NOT** run in vain, **NEITHER** laboured in vain.” ([Phil.2:15-16](#))

## VI. Every Believing Friend, is a Formidable Barrier

...Who are busy trying to,

### A. Touch Hearts

- Paul “**REASONED** of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, (but) Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.” ([Acts 24:25](#))
- “Philip **FINDETH** Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found Him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ([Jn.1:45](#))
- “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, **RESTORE** such an one, in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.” ([Gal.6:1](#))
- “let us **CONSIDER** one another, to **PROVOKE** unto love and to good works:” ([Heb.10:24](#))

Some may not listen to the Bible, or listen to Gospel preaching, but they may be touched by our,

### B. Good Influence

- Jesus said, “Ye are the **SALT** of the earth: but **IF** the salt have **LOST** his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

<sup>14</sup> Ye are the **LIGHT** of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

<sup>15</sup> Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

<sup>16</sup> **LET** your **LIGHT** so **SHINE** before men, that they may **SEE** your good WORKS, and **GLORIFY** your Father, which is **IN** Heaven.” ([Matt.5:13-16](#))

If Sinners Pass All Other Barriers, One is left with,

## VII. Facing & Repressing their Own Conscience

When Peter was preaching to the Jews, concerning their crucifixion of the Christ, the Bible says,

- “Now when they heard this, they were **PRICKED** in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, **what shall we do?**” ([Acts 2:37](#))

In contrast, as Paul,

- “reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, **Go thy way** for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.” ([Acts 24:25](#))

“**What shall we do?**”, versus “**Go thy way**” is a huge difference in attitude.

- The first, is willing to take heed to the barriers provided, through repentance and obedience ([Acts 2:38](#)),
- and the second attitude, sadly overlooks those “*Barriers On The Road Toward Hell*”.

Paul admonished the Ephesians, by stating,

- “This I say therefore, and testify **IN** the Lord, that ye henceforth walk **NOT** as other Gentiles **WALK**, **IN** the **VANITY** of their mind,<sup>18</sup> having the understanding **DARKENED**, being **ALIENATED** from the life of God, through the **IGNORANCE** that is in them, because of the **BLINDNESS** of their heart:<sup>19</sup> who being past feeling, have **GIVEN** themselves **OVER** unto lasciviousness, to **WORK** all uncleanness with **GREEDINESS**.” ([Eph.4:17-19](#))

## VIII. IN-CLOSING

We have “*Barriers On The Road Toward Hell*”.

We have, Jehovah God, Jesus The Christ, The Holy Spirit, The Gospel, Godly Relatives, and Believing Friends. Truly, we have a Mighty **FENCE**, with the **PURPOSE** to keep us **OUT** of eternal **HELL FIRE**.

The Savior **STANDS** with flashers, flags, and everything else, in His Word, to get our **ATTENTION**. It is amazing, that some blindly go on.

Jesus spoke a parable of,

- “A certain nobleman (who) went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.  
<sup>13</sup> And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.  
<sup>14</sup> But his citizens **HATED** him, and sent a message after him, saying,  
We will **NOT** have this man to **REIGN** over us.” ([Lk.19:12-14](#))

Remember: Those people who are cast into Hell, will have gone by their own **CHOICE**, and **NOT** because God failed to warn them!

Hell is too torturous a price, to pay for the world and its pleasures. **LIFE** is short, **DEATH** is sure, **JUDGMENT** is certain, **ETERNITY** is forever.

So, we join the great apostle Paul, in saying,

- “Knowing therefore the **TERROR** of the Lord, we **PERSUADE** men;” ([2Cor.5:11a](#))

Have we, permitted barriers, placed by a loving Creator, to turn us, to the way of the cross?

The Bible says,

- “For ye are all the children of God, **BY** faith, **IN** Christ Jesus.  
<sup>27</sup> For **AS** many of you, **AS** have Been baptized **INTO** Christ, have **PUT ON** Christ.” ([Gal.3:26-27](#))

Saul of Taurus, before he became the apostle Paul, was told,

- “And now why tarriest thou? (that is, why wait), arise, and **Be BAPTIZED**, and **WASH AWAY** thy sins, calling on the Name of the Lord.” ([Acts 22:16](#))

Obey the gospel before it is too late.

The Lord invites, and we await to assist;  
Come without delay, while together we stand and sing.

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