

Pathway to Glory

“Where are you headed, O soul?” To gain the glory of God, my friend! **“Where does this path begin?”** Always in the manger, my friend, because there is no room in the inn! **“Is it an easy road, O soul?”** My friend, it is easy when I say, “Not my will Father, but Yours!” **“Why does it seem so difficult, O soul?”** Because the pathway to glory always goes by the way of Calvary’s Cross! **“Is there not another way, O soul?”** No my friend, Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life! **“Ah, but the Cross, the place of shame and suffering, this can’t be God, O soul!”** Those who love this world, my friend, see the shame and suffering and nothing more; just like a cultured Roman citizen, they say, “No cross for me.” Like a Roman, they do not see their own barbarianism! You see my friend, on the other side of the cross resides the glory of God! Those born in the manger like Christ, see the glory of God in the highest resting in the cradle! In the cross, they see the foundation for God’s crown of glory; where victory was gained! The place where the blood of Christ covered the sin of man and bought forgiveness; the place where Christ died in my stead! The soul that follows the cross proves he is begotten of God! **“I don’t see it, Oh soul!”** Only faith can see it my friend, but never clearly or fully! Look! Do you see the sun in the darkness of night? Only its reflection on the moon on a clear night! Do we see the sun’s full brightness on a clouded day with the pouring rain? Does a babe see mommy while in the womb? Does a child see the parent’s love in the hour of scolding? Do you see the green leaves or the fruit hanging on trees in the bitterness of winter? So the cross covers the glory so that all might be of faith! You see my friend, when the world sees the cross they reason God as vicious, a lover of death, a cruel master, and a destroyer of innocence! No my friend! These are lies! The heart of God yearns for all to receive the crown of life, and be an inheritor of God’s great glory; but it is not for flesh, for God is Spirit. **“Can anyone follow upon this pathway of glory, O soul?”** Christ told us “Whosoever” my friend! But, the pathway to glory is to follow Christ! For Christ Himself endured the cross and its suffering and shame for the joy set before Him. This glory is for all those who call upon the name of the Lord, seeking first His Kingdom and His righteousness.

See You There, Friend!

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