

The Dangerous Way

Leviticus 16:1-3a

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(Mountain Pictures)

Big Idea: the Way of the Lord Is Dangerous

1.) The Way Is Dangerous Because the Lord Is Holy and People Are Sinful

Read Verse 1.

- A.) This is the Starting Point of the Gospel
- B.) God is Holier Than You Think He is, and You Are More Wretched Than You Think You Are.

"...Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts." (Isa 6:5)

2.) Because the Way Is Dangerous, the Lord Must Call

Read Verse 2.

- A.) In the OT Era, Few Were Called
- B.) After the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, All People Are Called
- C.) The Call is Into the Holy of Holies

Matthew 7:13-14

- D.) The Call is Both An Announcement and a Command

3.) Because the Way Is Dangerous the Lord Must Lead

Read Verse 3a

- A.) Though the Call Has Been Extended to All, the Way to the Lord is No Less Particular This Side of the Cross

B.) The Only Way to the Father is Through Faith in the Son.

C.) Faith in the Son is Inextricably Linked to Discipleship, to Following Christ.

Matthew 16:24

Matthew 22:11-14

1 Corinthians 2:9, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

Q 1. What Is Your Only Comfort in Life and in Death?

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

—The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. #1