

The Way & The Works

Promise and Invitation in John 14:1-14

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“ **Genesis 2:1—3**

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his **work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his **work** that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his **work** that he had done in creation.**

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“ *Genesis 2:5—9*

5 When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, 6 and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—”

“ 7 then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of *life*, and the man became a living creature. 8 And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of *life* was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ”

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Genesis 2:15

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to **work it and keep it.**

Genesis 2:20

20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a **helper fit for him.**

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*They are kicked out of Eden, and now they have to **work** less for God and more for themselves, and they lose access to “the **way** to the tree of life” (**Gen 3:24**)*



The Way:

“ And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. ”

– Exodus 13:21

The Way:

“And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. 21 And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “**This is the way**, walk in it,” when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.”

— Isaiah 30:20–21

The Way:

In **John 1:23**, John the Baptist says “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight **the way** of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said”

The Way:

And John's audience would not have jumped immediately to "Oh Jesus is the way to heaven!"

Not at all.

They would have immediately connected **the Way** ethically, morally, and spiritually, from Genesis to the present, on how to have access to God and living life in his ways.

The Work(s):

John 14:12—14

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do **the works** that I do; and greater **works** than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. 13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Sēmeion - ***sign(s)***

Ergon - ***work(s)***