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Highway of Holiness

The highway of holiness is God's pre-prepared passageway where we are separated, made morally and spiritually pure from the world, saved from the power of sin, as we travel toward heaven.

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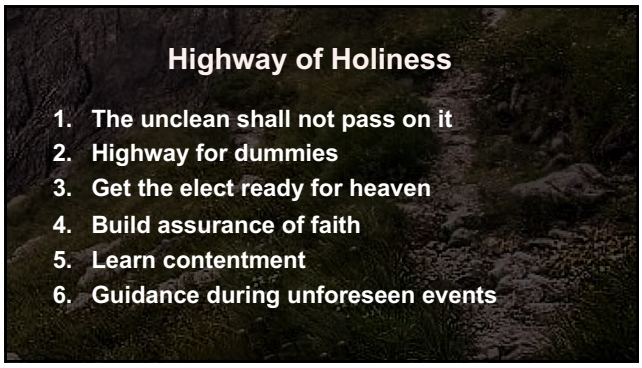
Highway of Holiness
1. The unclean shall not pass on it
2. Highway for dummies
3. Get the elect ready for heaven
4. Build assurance of faith
5. Learn contentment
6. Guidance during unforeseen events

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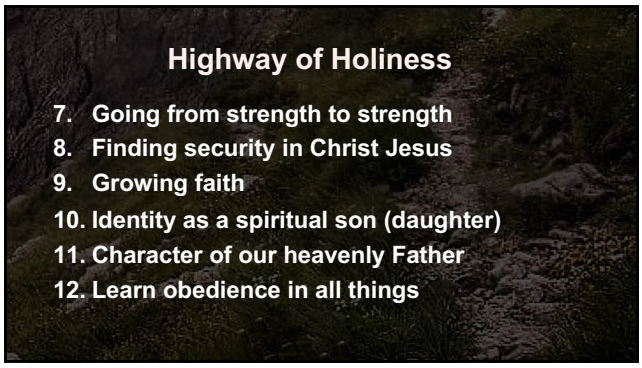
Highway of Holiness
7. Going from strength to strength
8. Finding security in Christ Jesus
9. Growing faith
10. Identity as a spiritual son (daughter)
11. Character of our heavenly Father
12. Learn obedience in all things

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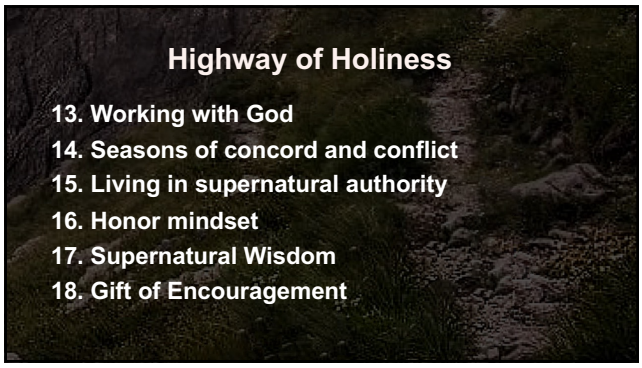
Highway of Holiness
13. Working with God
14. Seasons of concord and conflict
15. Living in supernatural authority
16. Honor mindset
17. Supernatural Wisdom
18. Gift of Encouragement

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Encouragement

inspiring someone with courage, spirit, or hope, or providing support that helps them to continue or improve.

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Climb the Ladder of Encouragement

1. **Trust**
2. **Do Good**
3. **Dwell**
4. **Feed**
5. **Delight**

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Beauty Is Its Own Reward

To glorify something or someone is to praise, enjoy, and delight in them. When something is useful you are attracted to it for what it can bring you or do for you. But if it is beautiful, then you enjoy it simply for what it is. Just being in its presence is its own reward.

- Tim Keller

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God Helps Us Delight in Him

1. Beauty
2. Orchestration
3. Power

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1 Kings 19:1-18

1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.”

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3 And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. 4 But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, “It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!”

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5 Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, “Arise and eat.” 6 Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again.

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Broom Tree



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Touched Him

The Angel doesn’t shake him like someone who impatiently wants someone to wake up. He touches him in greeting and gentleness.

There are times when the Lord corrects us, and there are times when he touches us gently with tenderness.

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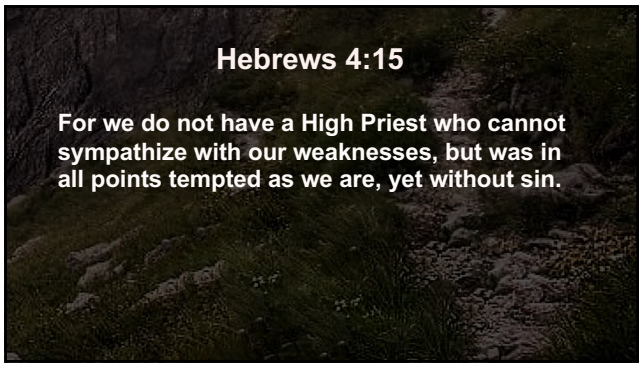
Hebrews 4:15
For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

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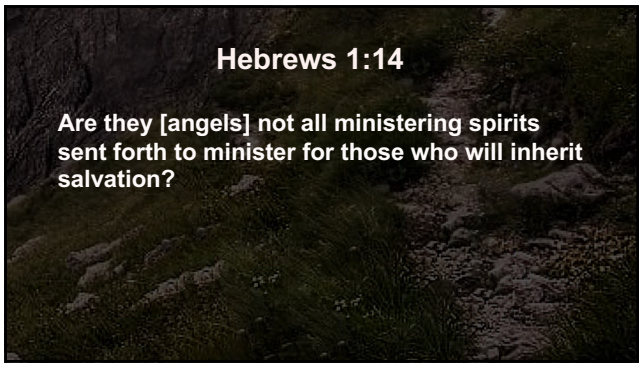
Hebrews 1:14
Are they [angels] not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

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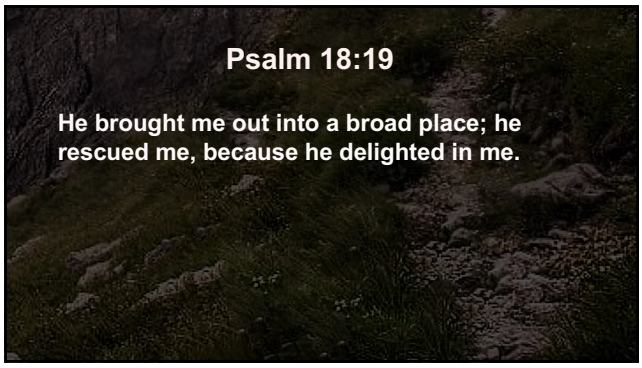
Psalm 18:19
He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, because he delighted in me.

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Jesus Loves the Hopeless Cases

Jesus loves the hopeless cases. He is attracted to those who are beaten battered and bruised. The Lord binds up the broken hearted.

Psalm 147:3 "He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds."

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2 Corinthians 12:9

9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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Danger: Concocting Natural Causes

We live in a world that loves to "research" and then assign natural causes to events. We should be cautious about assigning a natural cause to an unusual event but instead seek the Lord for discernment.

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7 And the angel of the Lord came back the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you." 8 So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

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1 Kings 19:1-18

9 And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

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Fail-Safe to the Cave

Headaches happen when we try to solve a spiritual problem with human reasoning. We hear God more clearly alone in the cave. Encounters with God personalizes theology. Our calling is multi-generational not situational. Shocks in our life can trigger panic that causes reason to push faith aside. Establish a fail-safe so you know what to do when all else fails. Learn to reboot and remember the last thing God told us to do.

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10 So he said, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."

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Many Weaknesses = Helplessness

1. **Physical creatures with low tolerances**
2. **Emotional creatures subject to passions**
3. **Walk by Faith means we are subject to shocks**
4. **Hostile world means rejection guaranteed**
5. **Sin infested world means constant vigilance**
6. **Agape love means we will grieve over others**

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1 Kings 19:1-18

11 Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake;

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12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

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12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.13 So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

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Signs as a Reminder of the Past

Sign	Symbolizes	Explanation
Wind	Divine Power	Represents power to shatter rocks.
Earthquake	Covenant Reminder	Echoes Moses Sinai experience
Fire	Purity and Judgment	God's holiness and the judgment over Baal

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God is Separate from His Works

The wind, earthquake, and fire reminds us of God's great power from the past, but the text says he was not present *in* those dramatic signs. God created the sign but the sign itself was not the message but set the stage for the message.

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15 Then the Lord said to him: "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. 16 Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.

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17 It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. 18 Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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