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*Thus Saith the Lord*

## THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

By Jeff Sweeten

The poet, Robert Frost, recognized the value of the road less traveled in his poem, *The Road Not Taken*. He chose "the one less traveled by," he said, "and that has made all the difference." The notion that we cannot "travel both and be one traveler" is a principle of loyalty that needs to be re-learned in every generation. This may be a case wherein one is called upon to defend an obvious truth to those who ought to know better. Isaiah would say, "*How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him*" (1 Kings 18:21).

Jesus stated, "*No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon*" (Matthew 6:24). It seems obvious that the angst many Christians express toward the truth is, in reality, rebellion. It is not that God's commandments are too difficult to obey or too mysterious to understand (1 John 5:3). It is not that we are incapable of responding to God, locked up in an unalterable fate (Joshua 24:15). The diversion is a broad, well-traveled road singing with sin's sirens and promising the moon while ignoring the Son. Unfortunately, many who claim to be God-fearing people know the path they are on is a dangerous one and that they should change their direction but, instead of mustering the gumption to choose differently, they find it easier to defend a miserable, guilt-ridden life, pretending follow Jesus... but not on that less-traveled road.

Jesus said: "*He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad*" (Matthew 12:30). Seems clear that serving self is not just a benign, harmless neglect of righteousness; it is a conscience choice of active opposition to God. One cannot follow that broad path with immunity to the consequences. In fact, those very same consequences that condemn an individual will also negatively influence others (Exodus 34:7).

The remedy for rebellion is honesty and submission. Honesty will come to grips with the reality of personal sin (Romans 3:23). Submission will concede sin's only solution: Jesus Christ (1 John 1:9). Let me invite you to a road less traveled.

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