

"Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah. Offer The Sacrifices Of Righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD." Psalms 4:4-5 KJV

The right choice is most often the hardest. It goes against comfort, desire, and ambition. But the right choice is always the most rewarding for it pleases God. *"If God be for us, WHO can be against us?"* It is a rhetorical question. You may think, "But I'll be persecuted or maybe even killed!" Are you a believer? *"For God so Loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life."* Do you have Eternal Life or not? *"And I give unto them Eternal Life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My Hand."* Is your Home in Heaven or not? *"In my Father's House are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a Place for you. And if I go and prepare a Place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."* Is God your Avenger or not? *"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine; I will repay,' saith the Lord."* It required the ultimate Sacrifice to rescue you from the very jaws of death! Christ made that Sacrifice for you! *"But God commendeth His Love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Greater Love hath no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friends."* Should we not be willing to sacrifice for Him in return? *"The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. Ye also, as Lively Stones, are built up a Spiritual House, an Holy Priesthood, to offer up Spiritual Sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."* Enduring persecution for the Lord Jesus' Name Sake is one of the *sacrifices of righteousness.* We are given others. *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice (obedience to God's Word), Holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. By Him therefore let us offer the Sacrifice of Praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips (speech) giving thanks to His Name."* It is hard to be thankful to God in the midst of suffering, but *"in EVERY THING give thanks: for this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."* Thankfulness begins when you remember what you were saved from and what your reward is!

The Path is narrow, straight, and true,
And it will seem to buffet you,
But be reminded of God's Love,
And bliss accorded you Above! –CGP

Jesus never promised us an easy road, but He did Promise to walk it with us!

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, 'All Power is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have Commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.' Matthew 28:18-20 KJV

