

SALVATION'S ROAD

The voice crying in the wilderness demanded that a way be prepared for the Lord. Be attentive to the Master's voice and give him a road into your heart through the desert of your nature. Four aspects of the road require our serious attention.

FILL IN EVERY VALLEY. Correct low and dishonorable thoughts of God. Remove any doubting and despairing about the future. Forsake self-seeking and carnal delights. Across these deep valleys pave a glorious causeway of grace.

LEVEL EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL. Cast away self-sufficiency and pride to make a highway for the King of Kings. The Lord respects the lowly, and visits the contrite heart, but the lofty are an abomination to Him.

STRAIGHTEN THE CROOKED PLACES. Straighten the wavering heart into a path of decision for God with holiness as the destination. Double-minded people are strangers of God's truth.

SMOOTH OUT THE ROUGH PLACES. Remove any known stumbling blocks of sin, and uproot thorns of rebellion.



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