**WALKING THE WAY: PATHWAY AND REFUGE**

**Ps 1.1-3**

Happy are those

 who do not **follow** the advice of the wicked,

or **take the path** that sinners tread,

 or **sit** in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the Lord,

 and on his law they meditate day and night.

**Ps 119.9-16**

How can young people keep their **way** pure?

 By guarding it according to your **word**.

With my whole heart I **seek** you;

 do not let me **stray** from your commandments.

I treasure your **word** in my heart,

 so that I may not **sin** against you.

Blessed are you, O Lord;

 teach me your statutes.

With my lips I declare

 all the ordinances of your mouth.

I delight in **the way of your decrees**

 as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on **your precepts**,

 and fix my eyes on **your ways**.

I will delight in **your statutes**;

 I will not forget **your word**.

**Ps 36.7-9**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

 All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,

 and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;

 in your light we see light.

**Prov 2.6-15**

For the Lord gives wisdom;

 from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;

he stores up sound wisdom for the upright;

 he is a shield to those who **walk** blamelessly,

guarding the **paths** of justice

 and preserving the **way** of his faithful ones.

Then you will understand righteousness and justice

 and equity, every good **path**;

for wisdom will come into your heart,

 and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;

prudence will watch over you;

 and understanding will guard you.

It will save you from the **way** of evil,

 from those who speak perversely,

who forsake the **paths** of uprightness

 to walk in the **ways** of darkness,

who rejoice in doing evil

 and delight in the perverseness of evil;

those whose **paths** are crooked,

 and who are devious in their **ways**.

**Job 23.8-17**

‘If I go forward, he is not there;

 or backward, I cannot perceive him;

on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;

 I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

But he knows the **way** that I take;

 when he has tested me, I shall come out like gold.

My foot has held fast to **his** **steps**;

 I have kept **his way** and have not turned aside.

I have not **departed** from the commandment of his lips;

 I have treasured in my bosom the words of his mouth.

But he stands alone and who can dissuade him?

 What he desires, that he does.

For he will complete what he appoints for me;

 and many such things are in his mind.

Therefore I am terrified at his presence;

 when I consider, I am in dread of him.

God has made my heart faint;

 the Almighty has terrified me;

If only I could vanish in darkness,

 and thick darkness would cover my face!