

Stand in the Way

Thus says the LORD: Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, we will not walk in it. –Jeremiah 6:16

This verse resonates with the situation that we see in the religious world today. Christians stand at a crossroads and God urges them to stand in the righteous way. The Lord even calls it the *old path*. Most of us can remember the time when the Bible was respected and people tried to live by the word of God. We have seen the deterioration of many aspects of life—the church, marriage, obedience of children, education, business, truthfulness and honesty.

Just like Jeremiah's day when man had to choose the way of obedience or the way of rebellion, today to obey, one must walk in the old path which is not popular. We must stand firm on biblical principles and then we must move forward on those principles. Then God promises that we will find rest for our souls. The popular thing is to choose man's way over God's way and declare, 'We will not walk in it.'

In the next verse, Jeremiah 6:17, God said that He had set watchmen over them. The watchman stood on the city walls and kept vigil for the enemy. They were to sound the trumpet when the evil one approached and the people were expected to be listening. The people responded that they would not listen. It seems sad but we see today that so many who say they are Christians refuse to listen to the warnings of God's word.