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“The Turning”

“The highway of the upright turns aside from evil; whoever guards his way preserves his life.” (Proverbs 16:17)

The First Turning

1 Thessalonians 1:9 – “For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God.”

The Turning Away Principle

Psalms 37:27 – “Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever.”

Job 28:28 – “And he said to man, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.’”

The Turning Away Practice

Proverbs 15:24 – “The path of life leads upward for the prudent, that he may turn away from Sheol beneath.”

Job 1:1 – “There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.”

Genesis 39:11-12 = ¹¹ “But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, ¹² she caught him by his garment, saying, ‘Lie with me.’ But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house.”

John 2:23-25 – ²³ “Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴ **But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them,** because he knew all people

²⁵ and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.”

John 6:14-15 – ¹⁴ “When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, ‘This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!’ ¹⁵ Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.”

Resisting Last Days Assimilation

Revelation 18:4-5 – ⁴ “Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues; ⁵ for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.”

Returning through Repentance

Malachi 3:7 – “From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’”

Isaiah 30:15 – “For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, ‘In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.’ But you were unwilling,”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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