

The Road Map

When departing by road on a major journey
To drive many miles in unfamiliar territory,
Would any fail to take an information source,
Like a detailed road map, to keep them on course?

If a traveller needs a map to ensure he arrives,
Isn't it strange that people try to live their lives,
Without instruction manual, to guide them on their way
Through the challenges and difficulties of each uncharted
new day?

Yet God ne'er would have us to wander aimlessly, *Jn 14:6*
To stumble in the darkness or struggle needlessly; *Jn 8:12*
So, to navigate life's journey, for our safety and survival, *Ps 17:4*
He gave a guide book for our lives, called the Holy Bible. *Jn 20:30-31*

A lamp to our feet, to light our path alway, *Ps 119:105*
It never will go out, or lead us astray; *Ps 119:11*
It directs and corrects us, and will guard our steps
too, *2 Tim 3:16-17; Ps 37:31*
Showing what to believe, what to be, and to
do. *Acts 16:31; Eph 4:32; Mk 16:15*

Having a moral benchmark can shape thought, word and
action, *Mt 22:29*
And God's Word always points us in the right direction; *Prov 6:22*
'Tis a trusty compass that will keep us on track,
And steer our lives clear from spiritual shipwreck. *Ps 119:59*

For accounts of Bible characters weren't put there by chance –
These stories, though they're old, have timeless
relevance; *Rom 15:4*
Through their struggles and triumphs we can plainly see
God working in people's lives, throughout all history.

They mirror the tensions that we face day by day
Applying God's will to our lives, in striving to obey;
Virtues to emulate we see, and failings to avoid; *1 Cor 10:11*
We see the treachery of sin, and everything it destroyed. *Gen 3:1-19*

And these stories give us pointers for the here and now –
There's a best way to live, and God would show us how,
Teaching us profound lessons from those gone before, *1 Cor 10:11*
And warning us of pitfalls we, at our own peril, ignore.

The designers of anything always understand best
The ways to optimise their creation's usefulness;
So, to get the most from our lives, to unlock their full
potential, *Jn 10:10*
Reading the Maker's instructions is utterly essential.

Owning a Bible's not enough, it must be heeded and
applied – *Heb 2:1-3; Ps 119:9*
Let it fill your mind, rule your heart, actions guide; *Josh 1:8*
And following God's road map will keep you safe,
steadfast, *Prov 1:33*
Every step of life's pathway, to heaven's joy at last. *Ps 37:31*