

their spiritual lives, so that they learn their folly and admire God's work of grace.

Jesus also directed Peter's thoughts to the future as He said: "*When thou shalt be old...*". Peter expected a much different way, but he would have to learn to follow the risen Savior. Jesus directed Peter's attention not only to the last moments of his life, but especially to the time just prior to Peter's crucifixion when he would stretch forth his hands which would be bound on the cross. He, as a helpless one, would have to lean on the hand of the Almighty. He would be led as one without strength; all his rebellion would be subject to God's will. This is the same way that God teaches His people in the life of grace. Although it is comforting, they are oppressed by many questions. So often their way, the narrow way, goes so differently from what they expected or hoped for, yet ends in eternal communion with the Lord, just as with Peter. People of God, may this be to your comfort.

The only other way to eternity is the broad way, and by nature, we all walk that way since our deep fall in Adam. This way ends in eternal destruction. God's Word warns us about those who think they are on the narrow way and walk with God's children, but at the end they will not be able to enter into glory. It is necessary for all of us to learn, during our life time, how we can be taken off the broad way and placed on the narrow way. Christ has to bring us there, as He did for Peter.

Reader, are you on the broad way or the narrow way?

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Notes

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*Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made
the heaven and the earth by thy great
power and stretched out arm, and
there is nothing too hard for thee:"*
Jeremiah 32:17

Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m.