

# Daily Devotional by Dr. Gloria P. Holmes

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## "Gateway to God's Glory in the Midst of the Coronavirus Pandemic"

### "TRAVELING"

*"Enter through the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and only a few find it." St. Matthew 7:13-14*

Traveling is something I have really enjoyed throughout the years. My delight in going places started as a child when my daddy would drive us in his truck or blue Chevrolet to visit various relatives. From school, we took field trips by bus to interesting and new places. After my father went to heaven, my mother continued our travels. She would take us by train during the summer months to visit family members primarily in Columbia, South Carolina, and Albany, New York. What great fun we had! My first airplane ride happened during my first year at Spelman College. One of my friends from Jacksonville who also attended Spelman, convinced me to ride home with her on an airplane for Christmas break. It was both scary and exciting. From there, I have enjoyed all kinds of traveling, nationally and internationally. I mention these adventures because the coronavirus epidemic has certainly interrupted all kinds of traveling. I know that many of you also enjoy traveling and have had your planned trips and vacations interrupted. Whether by cars, trains, buses, cruise trips or airplanes, many of us have been put on a temporary hiatus from freely traveling from place to place.

The Holmes Family Reunion which has occurred annually for over fifty years and was scheduled for this upcoming Fourth of July in Washington, D.C. has been cancelled as has many other family reunions. While we may miss traveling freely as we are accustomed to, we must carefully observe and follow the road maps the LORD provides for our daily lives. In the meantime, we must patiently wait on the LORD for traveling opportunities in the future. We all have so many different paths we can follow; however, God has provided very specific directions for choosing the right path. He advises us to take the narrow road rather than the broad road. Regardless of our personal inclinations, it is wise to take the straight and narrow road. In Psalm 23, in verse 3, David reminds us that *our Shepherd leads us in paths of righteousness for His name's sake*. Proverbs 4:14-15 advise: **"Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evildoers. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way."** In his well-known poem *"The Road Not Taken,"* Robert Frost captures this idea very nicely. The final few lines read: ***Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.*** There is an old song of the church called **"Traveling Shoes."** It was the favorite song of a saint who has gone to heaven now, but he would sing it often at our Wednesday Noonday prayer hour. ***"Lord, got on my traveling shoes; Lord, got on my traveling shoes."*** Saints, let's keep on our traveling shoes, and let's remember that it sure does make a difference how we choose to travel through life and which road we take.

#### Prayer

Dear Lord,  
We ask You to please lead us in paths of righteousness for your name's sake. We are willing to follow the narrow road. Amen.

#### How will you respond to today's message?

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