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"HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN (PART XI)"

We have been talking about the different things a Christian may encounter as he makes his way through the highway of life, and how the Lord gives us signs to guide us and warn us of some dangerous conditions that we may encounter on the way to our destination. Another important lesson I have learned in the natural but which has a spiritual significance is when I am distracted by something else and I take my eyes off the highway. That is very dangerous. Your car starts wobbling, going sideways, and if you are not careful you may wind up in the ditch, or be involved in an accident. When you are driving on the highway, especially if you are going fast, you must keep your eyes on the road. Likewise the Christian must keep his eyes on Jesus at all times, especially if his life starts getting very hectic (fast).

Sometimes when you are driving on the highway, all of a sudden you see a sign letting you know that there is going to be a lane shift ahead. This is the part where if you are not careful, you run out of room in the road you were traveling just fine a little while before. Now you find yourself being pressed hard on all sides and hemmed-in by other drivers that do not want to let you move in front of them. In our Christian walk we sometimes experience divine shifts. These hidden times and seasons of change can come upon us unexpectedly and surprise us. The Lord may have given us warning signs like dreams, prophetic words, messages and scriptures to let us know what was about to happen, but we may not have been aware of them or maybe we were not paying close attention. ***When these divine shifts come upon us, it always causes us to change (lanes).***

During the process of change, we will be hard-pressed,

hemmed-in, limited, constrained and confined. These changes may not be always fun to go through, but they are necessary to take us to our divine destiny. ***These divine shifts***, and we get a few in our lifetimes, ***always produce a change in our identity. It transforms us.*** During these seasons of change we usually wind up changing the road we are traveling in. We may encounter some resistance from others as we try to move into their territory and they feel threatened. They may bump us, or try to discourage or intimidate us into giving up. But like in the highway, in real life there will always be a kind human being who will give us a break and help us to get to where we are trying to go.

When there is a lane shift in the highway, traffic slows down for a while considerably. It seems like you are not moving at all, bumper to bumper. Tempers flare up easy, people get edgy and impatient, and do things that they may regret later. That is what happened to Abraham as he was going through his process of waiting on the Lord for the arrival of his promised son. But because he did not wait on God's kairos time, and decided to take matters into his own hand, he produced an Ishmael. The same thing can happen to us in our walk. It is very important not to get impatient and frustrated during our season of waiting, and persevere and walk by faith, and not by sight. If we understand the ways of God, it will help us to be patient and wait until the fullness of times comes and we can receive the full blessing.