《天路导向》双语讲义

走捷径和回正路 - 1 SHORTCUTS AND BACKTRACKING - 1

SECTION A 甲部

- 1. Hello, listening friends. 亲爱的朋友, 你好!
- 2. It's always a pleasure to know that you have tuned in and listen to this program, 欢迎你再次收听这个节目,
- 3. and, we carefully choose series of messages that would help you in your growing with Christ; 这些信息都是我仔细挑选的,希望能帮助你的灵命在基督里成长。
- and, today, we're going to begin a new, short series of messages.
 今天,我们要开始一个比较短的系列信息。
- It is entitled, "Shortcuts and Backtracking," 这个系列就叫做"走捷径和回正路"。
- 6. and it comes from the Book of Ruth. 这个故事出自圣经的"路得记"。
- 7. I want to begin by talking about shortcuts. 首先,我们要谈谈什么是捷径。
- 8. I am known to my family and friends that, when I drive, I like shortcuts, 我的朋友和家人都知道,我在开车的时候, 总爱抄近路。
- 9. and my reasoning for looking for shortcuts is to save time; 我这样做原本是为了节约时间。
- 10. but do I really save time? 但实际上,我是否真的节省了时间呢?
- 11. Not really. 不一定。
- 12. My shortcuts take me a long way away from where I want to go; 捷径反而让我偏离了我要去的方向;
- 13. and, sometimes, it takes me to dead-end streets. 有时候,我甚至走进了死胡衕。

- 14. What I am firmly learning is that shortcuts are more painful than they are worth. 我总算是学到了一个功课,那就是,走捷径是一件得不偿失的事。
- 15. Shortcuts in driving can be bad enough; 开车的时候走捷径已经够糟糕了;
- but shortcuts in other areas of life can be disastrous.但是,假如在生活中走捷径的话,你的损失就会更加惨重。
- 17. Let me give you some examples. 我来给你举几个例子。
- 18. Shortcuts to prosperity, without hard work and honesty and integrity, can lead to prison, or even worse.

 想走捷径发财,而不是通过诚实、辛勤的努力,就会导致你进监牢,甚至更惨。
- 19. Shortcuts to morality, without God, will lead to amorality and disintegration. 在道德上走捷径,而不遵行神的心意,就会造成道德的崩溃解体。
- 20. Shortcuts to success, without paying the price for it, will lead to lying, cheating and ending up in disgrace.

 不劳而获就想取得成功,只能导致谎言、欺骗,至终蒙受耻辱。
- 21. Not so long ago, there was a story printed in one of the magazines.
 不久以前,杂志上发表了一则故事。
- 22. It was about a brilliant young student. 是关于一个有才气的青年学生。
- 23. He forged letters of recommendations for a fellowship grant.
 他伪造了一份申请奖学金的推荐书。
- 24. His forgery was discovered. 后来,他的欺诈行为被揭发。
- 25. When it was investigated and he was found guilty, he left the university in disgrace. 经过调查之后,罪证确凿,他只好满怀羞愧地离开了大学。

- 26. Sometimes, shortcuts lead to death. 有时候,走捷径甚至可以夺去人的性命。
- 27. In the Book of Acts, 在使徒行传,
- 28. Ananias and Sapphira lied to the Holy Spirit and the Apostles.
 亚拿尼亚和撒非喇欺骗圣灵和使徒。
- 29. Their dead bodies were carried out of the church at that very moment they lied. 就在他们撒谎的那一刻,马上气绝而死,他们的尸体被抬出教会。
- 30. Even at their best, shortcuts can take you a long way from home. 捷径即使有些好处,也会使你越走离家越远。
- 31. This was the case in the life of a good Hebrew family who lived in the days of the Judges. 在士师时代,一个原本很好的希伯来家庭就发生了这样的的情况。
- 32. Let me tell you about those days. 让我告诉你一些关于那个年代的背景。
- 33. That period of time was after Joshua, who succeeded Moses.
 那是继摩西之后,约书亚的年代。
- 34. It was before Samuel, the Prophet, who anointed Saul and David to be Kings. 也就是在撒母耳之前,撒母耳就是膏立扫罗和大卫的那位先知。
- 35. Those days were horrible days in the life of God's people.
 那些日子是神的子民最黑暗的日子。
- 36. Those days were not unlike our days. 那个时代和我们的时代很像,
- 37. Repeatedly, the historical Book of Judges tells us that everyone did what is right in their own eyes.

 士师记一再告诉我们,当那些日子,各人任意而行。
- 38. Again and again, God would send His people a Judge to deliver them from their enemies; 一次又一次,神差遣士师到他们那里,搭救他们脱离仇敌的欺压。
- 39. but, as soon as they were delivered, they would go back to their life of compromise. 但是,每当他们被拯救出来之后,他们又犯罪得罪神。

- 40. In the midst of this chaos and confusion, there is a story of one family who decided to take a shortcut to prosperity.
 在这个混乱不法的时代里,有一个家庭想要走捷径发财。
- 41. Oh, but, alas, they ended up in the dead-end street of tragedy, sorrow and pain. 但是,很可惜,他们却走上了一条悲惨、痛苦的道路。
- 42. Oh, but, thank God, the story of that family does not end there. 然而,感谢神的是,这个家庭并没有从此一蹶不振。
- 43. We will see how God's grace overrules and overrides, even our foolish shortcuts. 我们看到,神的恩典是多么的长阔高深,超越了我们走捷径的愚昧举动。
- 44. We will see how the grace of God does bring good out of bad. 我们看到,神的恩典怎样把坏事变成了好事。
- 45. We will see how God's grace brings joy out of deep sorrow.我们也看到,神的恩典怎样让他们转悲为 喜。
- 46. Now, turn with me, if you have your Bible, to the Book of Ruth.
 如果你有圣经,请翻到路得记。
- 47. Let us see how this family of Elimelech, who thought that they were buying a ticket to Heaven on earth, ended up in the graveyard of Moab.
 我们来看一下,以利米勒全家是怎样在摩押这块他们以为是人间天堂的地方,走到人生尽头的。
- 48. If Ruth, Chapter 1, teaches us anything, it teaches us this: 假如说,路得记第一章给了我们一些教训的话,我想应该是这样的:
- 49. spiritual shortcuts will always lead to disastrous dead-ends.
 在属灵方面走捷径,往往会带来惨痛的后果。
- 50. If you think you can be a discerning believer without spending time with God, think again. 如果你认为,自己不依靠神就可以洞察一切,我劝你仔细想想。

- 51. If you think that you can be a woman of God or a man of God without studying and poring over the Word of God, think again. 如果你认为,不用学习神的话语就可以成为神的仆人使女,你要仔细想想。
- 52. If you think that you can be super-spiritual without being a super-servant, think again. 如果你认为,不用全力侍奉神,就可以成为灵性高超的人,你要三思。
- 53. If you think that you can substitute fame and reputation for character and integrity, think again. 如果你认为,为了沽名钓誉就可以牺牲道德品格,你要好好想想。
- 54. If you think that you can get away with God's blessings without being financially faithful in your giving back to Him, think again. 如果你认为,在奉献金钱方面不用忠心地尽你的本分,就可以侥幸得到神的祝福,你要三思了。
- 55. The Book of Ruth is a magnificent little book. 路得记是一卷了不起的小书。
- 56. It teaches us a great deal about ordinary people doing ordinary things. 它教导了我们很多有关普通人所做的普通事。
- 57. No, I'll take that back. 不,我不该这么说。
- 58. It teaches us, most of all, about an extraordinary God who does extraordinary things.
 其实它教导我们最重要的,是关乎一位了不起的神所做的了不起的事。
- 59. I want to talk to you about three things regarding spiritual shortcuts. 有关灵性上的捷径有三点需要你注意。
- 60. First of all, 第一,
- 61. shortcuts give some comfort. 捷径会带给你一些安慰。
- 62. Secondly, 第二,
- 63. shortcuts have inevitable consequences. 捷径具有无可避免的后果。
- 64. Thirdly, 第三,

- 65. shortcuts have only one way to cure; 只有一个办法可以医治走捷径的毛病;
- 66. so, let me repeat those. 我再重复说一次。
- 67. Shortcuts give you false comfort. 捷径给你虚假的安慰。
- 68. Secondly, it has severe consequences; 第二,它会带来严重的后果;
- 69. and, finally, there's only one cure. 第三,只有一个解决的办法。
- 70. Elimelech and his family left the House of Bread—Bethlehem. 以利米勒和他的家人离开了自己的家园--伯利恒。
- 71. Why? 为什么?
- 72. Because they ran out of food and thought that they had to find a solution outside of God's people and God's land.
 因为当他们缺乏食物的时候,就想在神的子民和土地以外寻找出路。
- 73. Please listen to me very carefully. 请仔细听我讲。
- 74. How you act and where you go when you are in a crisis situation says a great deal about your spiritual discernment. 当你面对危机时,你怎样选择你的路向,就能显示出你属灵的分辨能力是如何的。
- 75. Elimelech and his family did not go to another part of Israel, but they went to the land called, "Moab". 以利米勒并没有选择到以色列另外一个地方,而是去了"摩押"地。
- 76. Moab was not very far geographically, but it was on the other side of the world spiritually. 从地理位置上说,摩押地并不远,但从属灵的角度来说,这是一个违背神的地方。
- 77. On a clear day, you could see the fields of Moab from the ridges outside of Bethlehem. 如果天好的话,从伯利恒城外的山坡上,就可以看到摩押这片土地。
- 78. These green fields of Moab beckoned Elimelech day after day after day when things got rough where he was living. 当以利米勒原居地的状况越来越艰难的时候,摩押这片绿油油的土地就更加吸引人。

- 79. He finally packed up the family wagon and headed for Moab. 终于他和全家人卷起铺盖,直奔摩押。
- 80. People in Moab were like the secular-minded people of our day.

 摩押人与当今世代的人很相似。
- 81. They were absorbed in finding the secret to prosperity without hard work. 他们一心寻求不劳而获,却得以致富的门径。
- 82. Their children, like our children, want at a very early age what their parents had to work hard for for decades.
 他们的儿女也很像今天的孩子,总想在很年轻的时候,就赚得他们父母辛劳几十年所得到的报酬。
- 83. God told Israel that He will bless them only when they are obedient; 神早就告诫以色列人,如果他们听从神的话,神就会赐福给他们;
- 84. but, when they got into the Promised Land, they said, "We can have it both ways. 但是,当他们进入应许之地后,他们说: "不管我们听不听话,都无关紧要。
- 85. We can get the blessings from Yahweh and live in disobedience." 即使我们悖逆神,同样可以得到耶和华赐福。"
- 86. Oh, they didn't call it, "disobedience." 他们不把这个叫做"悖逆。"
- 87. They called it other things. 他们另有称呼。
- 88. They called it, "go with the flow." 他们把这叫做: "跟上潮流。"
- 89. They called it, "everybody does it these days." 他们称它为: "人之常情。"
- 90. They called it, "times have changed." 他们称它为: "时代在改变。"
- 91. Oh, let me tell you, times may have changed, but God has not changed. 啊,我告诉你,时代也许不断地在改变,但是,神从来不改变。

- 92. In those days of the Book of Judges, even the most faithful believers were caught between doing the will of God and conforming to the fertility cults of Canaan.
 - 在士师记的年代里,连那些最忠实的信徒也 会感到左右为难,应该顺服神,还是跟从迦 南地的假神偶像。
- 93. They went to Yahweh when they were in crisis; 当他们遭遇危机的时候,他们就呼求耶和华。
- 94. and, then, they turned to Baal when times were good.
 当情况改善之后,他们又转去拜巴力假神。
- 95. You can see that happening today, can you not? 今天, 你同样可以看到类似的事情发生, 不是吗?
- 96. Well, just as Elimelech and his family began to get comfortable in their newfound prosperity in Moab, 就在以利米勒和他的全家在摩押地安居,渐渐昌盛起来的时候,
- 97. tragedy struck. 灾难开始了。
- 98. Step two occurred. 捷径的第二步发生了。
- 99. They suffered the consequences. 他们遭受到走捷径所带来的后果。

SECTION B

乙部

- 1. I told you first there's an initial comfort; 我说过,刚开始会有一点甜头;
- 2. but, then, there is consequence. 但不久,他们就吃到了苦果。
- 3. Comfort without God's permission has a deadly consequence. 若不是出于神的享受,就是通往死亡之路。
- 4. Comfort away from God can have disastrous consequences. 远离神的舒适,会造成毁灭性的后果。

5. These consequences can be immediate, as in the Book of Ruth, Chapter 1, verses 3 and 4; 这些后果可以是立竿见影,正如路得记第一章,三到四节所记载的;

那里说:后来,拿俄米的丈夫以利米勒死了,剩下妇人和她两个儿子。这两个儿子娶了摩押女子为妻,一个名叫俄珥巴,一个名叫路得。

6. or, they can have long term consequences, as we will see in the Book of Ruth, Chapter 1, verses 4 and 5.

但有些后果不一定马上看得出来,正如路得 记一章四到五节里面所记载的。

那里说:在那里住了约有十年,玛伦和基连二人也死了,剩下拿俄米没有丈夫,也没有 儿子。

- 7. Consequences sometimes hit suddenly, 有时候,报应突如其来,
- 8. especially to those believers who cease to discern God's voice; 尤其是对那些违背神命令的信徒;
- 9. or it can take a long time. 有时候,报应在很久以后才临到。
- 10. Here, in the Book of Ruth, were very, very few warning signs, if any; 在路得记这里,几乎没有记载神对他们的警告:
- 11. and I want to tell you a lot more about the consequences of shortcuts; 我还要告诉你许多关于走捷径所带来的后果;
- 12. but, to prepare your mind for the next broadcast, I want to just tell you the following: 但是,为了让你在下一次的节目中继续收听,我只告诉你以下这一点点事实:
- 13. Elimelech died. 以利米勒死掉了。
- 14. His widow, Naomi, placed her hopes on her two sons, 他的遗孀,拿俄米,把她全部的希望寄托在她两个儿子身上,
- 15. and, the two sons became more comfortable outside of God's will. 这两个儿子同样远离神的心意。
- 16. They married two local girls. 他们与当地的女子结婚。

- 17. You remember one of God's clearest instructions to the people of Israel was not to marry pagans.我们还记得,神清楚地告诫以色列人,不要和异教徒通婚。
- 18. They did it anyway; 他们却完全不理会神的诫命;
- 19. and one of God's clearest instructions in the New Testament is for believers not to be unequally yoked; 在新约中,神也很清楚地教导我们:信的与不信的不要同负一轭。
- 20. but Christians do it anyway. 但很多基督徒根本不理会神的命令。
- 21. Listen to this one more time. 我再说一次。
- 22. Shortcuts and short-term decisions will prove to have long-term consequences.一失足,可以造成千古恨。
- 23. I'm going to tell you how long it took for this family; 我会告诉你,这个家庭经过了多长的时间才尝到走捷径的苦果。
- 24. and I want to tell you that in the next broadcast. 在下次的节目中,我会详细地告诉你。
- 25. Please tune in so you can listen to the rest of this program.

 欢迎你按时收听余下的信息。
- 26. Until then, I wish you God's richest blessings. 好,我们下次节目再见,愿神大大赐福给你。