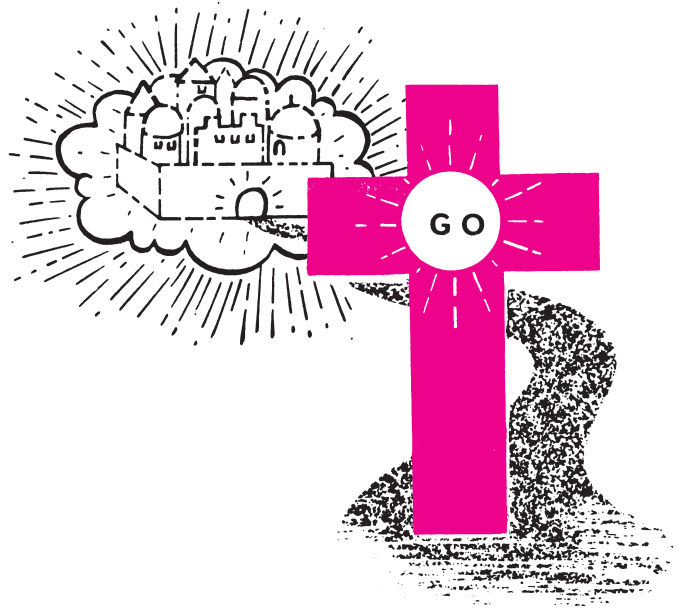


# The Guide

## GOD'S ROBOT



A Robot is a mechanical warning light which directs people as they travel through the big cities of the world. It tells people when they can proceed, and warns people when they should stop.

God in His wisdom and love towards humanity found it necessary to place certain "STOP" signs in this world. Even in the garden of Eden where Adam and Eve had freedom to eat the fruit of every tree in the garden and enjoy the perfect companionship of their creator, God was obliged to put a "Robot" or a "STOP" sign before them. The tree that gives knowledge of what is good and what is bad, was that "STOP" sign telling them not to eat of its fruit for fear of death. Gen. 2:16-17

Later when mankind increased, God found it necessary to increase the "STOP" signs in making many more laws which gave the people on earth guidance on certain matters to know how far to go and where to stop. Such laws were not only given to mankind but to nature and everything else on earth and in heaven. God had put "STOP" signs before the mighty sea, setting a boundary to the waters, preventing them from covering the earth again. There are "STOP" signs for children as well as adults, "STOP" signs for eating and drinking as well as for sleeping, for playing and for working. "So far and no further" we are told by nature. There are "STOP" signs in single life and married life, in business, in sports, in factories, in hospitals, in schools, in army

life as well as in science. In mountain climbing or on the sea, in aviation as well as mining for gold deep down in the depths of the earth, we meet those numerous "STOP" signs. Ignoring these "STOP" signs can cause terrible disaster and do tremendous harm.

In these modern days we are all acquainted with the traffic "STOP" signs. It is really wonderful to see how, with few exceptions, motorists observe these helpful "STOP" signs. Disobeying them can prove disastrous and a heavy fine can be imposed. Should a passenger train, a ship, or a plane ignore certain "STOP" signs, hundreds of lives could be lost.

Our modern atom bombs and other still more destructive bombs are at the moment controlled by certain "STOP" signs. Should any of them through some human error or negligence be ignored, the greatest part of humanity may be wiped out.

The greatest and most important "STOP" sign for the safety, restoration and salvation of humanity was put on Calvary nearly two thousand years ago when Jesus Christ the Son of God died for us on the cross. It is the most powerful "ROBOT" ever placed on earth to STOP humanity on the way to destruction. "Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence" (Rom. 3:23), and are all heading towards eternal destruction. Ever since Adam and Eve deceived by Satan, ignored the first "STOP" sign in the garden of Eden, humanity has taken the broad road to destruction. Truly God tried to put a stop to the mad rush towards destruction by putting up more and more "STOP" signs through His few faithful followers, but it was not long before the "STOP" signs were ignored, run over and trampled on.

During a certain time when the "destroyer" passed through the land of Egypt killing the firstborn in every home as well as among the cattle, God commanded His chosen people Israel to put up a "STOP" sign. The head of every home had to kill a perfect lamb and sprinkle its blood on the door posts of the home. Ex. 12:5-7,12. This was to be the "STOP" sign to the destroyer, keeping him from bringing death to the first born of that home. There was not a house on the night of judgement where there was not one dead, except where the "STOP" sign of the blood of the lamb had prevented the destroyer from entering. Ex. 12:13. The lamb had given its blood for the firstborn, just the same as Jesus the Lamb of God, gave His life for you and me. John 1:29

Later when the armies of Israel had surrounded the mighty walls of Jericho, Rahab the prostitute had been told to put up a "STOP" sign by fastening a red cord to the window of her home which was built on the city walls. She believed and acted according to her faith in the God of Israel and fastened the red cord to the window. While the walls of Jericho fell, the destruction came to a STOP at Rahab's home and

she and her house were saved. Josh. 2:18-19, 6:17,22-23

The greatest and most powerful "STOP" sign, the cross of Calvary commands us with heavenly authority to:

- STOP hardening your heart through unbelief. Heb. 3:12
- STOP drinking, swearing, cursing, blaspheming the name of God, telling lies and dirty jokes. Col. 3:8
- STOP all pride, "which comes before the fall", which leads to destruction. Prov. 16:18
- STOP living in immorality, adultery, homosexuality or any sinful use of our bodies, which are designed to be the temples of the living God.
- STOP the sinful lust of smoking cigarettes or dagga, snuffing or chewing tobacco, the use of certain drugs and tablets harmful to the human body which is the temple of God. 1 Cor. 3:16-17
- STOP all forms of gluttony, living to eat instead of eating to live. Prov. 23:21
- STOP all indifference towards God and His kingdom, spiritual laziness and putting salvation off for another convenient day which may never come. Just one step further past the "STOP" sign can mean your eternal condemnation, for God's Word says, TODAY if you hear my voice, do not harden your heart. Heb. 3:15
- STOP going to fortune tellers, worshipping idols, trusting in witchcraft and consulting the dead instead of calling on the living God. Idolatry and witchcraft are the works of the flesh and are condemned by God. Deut. 18:10-12, Isa. 8:19-20
- STOP all complaining and grumbling and be thankful to God. Eph. 5:20
- STOP all gossip and slander, but rather speak about others as you would have them speak about you. Prov. 26:20-23
- STOP feeding that jealous nature, which is destructive and can lead to hatred, murder and death. Matt. 5:21-22
- STOP all anger and hatred. Remove it from your heart and ask God to give you a peaceful, loving spirit. Phil. 4:5-7

- STOP the love of money which corrupts even the best of men. For many who desired money have stopped trusting in God and brought many sorrows upon themselves. Remember Judas and his final end. 1 Tim. 6:10
- STOP that selfish, greedy spirit which is never satisfied.
- STOP all hypocrisy which Jesus hated more than many other sins, i.e. pretending to be what you are not. 1 Pet. 2:1
- STOP telling lies, for the devil himself is the father of all lies. John 8:44
- STOP at the cross, God's robot, and turn from and confess your sins to God as well as to those against whom you have done wrong. "If we confess our sins to God, He will keep His promise and do what is right, He will forgive us our sins and purify us from all our wrongdoing." 1 John 1:9. "The blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from EVERY SIN." 1 John 1:7
- STOP at the cross and see the salvation of the Lord which He bought for you. "Because of our sins He was wounded, beaten because of the evil we did. We are healed by the punishment He suffered, made whole by the blows He received. He endured the suffering that should have been ours, the pain that we should have borne." Isa. 53:5,4. "Christ was without sin, but for our sake God made Him share our sin in order that in union with Him we might share the righteousness of God." 2 Cor. 5:21
- STOP asking the advice of people when God has spoken to you and has made His will known to you.
- STOP trying to serve two masters. It cannot be done. You cannot serve God and the world. Luke 16:13
- STOP and look to Him the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, your sin and my sin. John 1:29
- STOP all unbelief, distrusting God. Have faith in God.
- STOP trusting in your own abilities or desiring the evils of the past. Remember Lot's wife. Prov. 3:5
- STOP thinking evil and think of things that are true, honourable and pure. Phil. 4:8
- STOP looking around you in fear. Look to Jesus.
- STOP fearing this and fearing that, instead of trusting God. Jesus said, "Fear not, believe." Trust in God! Isa. 41:10
- STOP and see yourself alive with Christ sharing in His new life as well as in His divine nature. 2 Pet. 1:3-4
- STOP and see the love of God who gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16
- STOP and accept Christ as your Saviour. John 10:9
- STOP and resist the devil in the name of Jesus and he will run from you. James 4:7
- This heavenly "STOP" sign of the cross not only helps us to accept and see God's great salvation and gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus, it also makes a holy and righteous God "STOP" when He sees a sinner turning from his wrong ways. We as guilty sinners have deserved God's judgement and condemnation to spend eternity in hell. But when God sees such a sinner at the cross He stops and reveals Himself as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of everyone, as the One who forgives all our sins and heals our diseases. Instead of being condemned by the law we find grace and love and peace. Through the cross God sees us delivered and purified by the blood of His Son Jesus Christ. The cross says "STOP" to the anger of God which otherwise would have come upon us. Jesus prayed, "Forgive them, Father! They don't know what they are doing." Luke 23:34.
- Besides this the cross is also a powerful "STOP" sign against Satan and all demon powers that would try to destroy us and drag us down to hell. For the cross witnesses to our deliverance. It also commands the accuser, the devil to "STOP" accusing us, for by the sacrificial death of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven (Eph. 1:7) and He does not remember the sins we have confessed.

## “ GO ”

But the cross is not only a "STOP" sign. It commands us to "Go". It gives us the green light into His presence. Through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit we now have free access to the Father, our Father whose sons and daughters we have been made through faith in Jesus Christ. The curtain is torn from top to bottom and whoever wants to may come, and drink of the water of life freely. Jesus said: "I am the way, I am the door." John 10:9.

