

# Isaiah 59:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

## Analysis

---

'The way of peace they know not' - peace (shalom) is unknown territory for those rushing to violence. 'There is no judgment in their goings' - justice is absent from their paths. Their 'crooked paths' mean 'whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.' Sin's path leads away from shalom.

## Historical Context

---

This echoes Romans 3:17 exactly. The absence of peace follows the presence of violence as surely as effect follows cause. The crooked paths contrast with the 'straight' way God prepares.

## Related Passages

---

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

---

1. How does violence preclude peace in personal relationships and society?
2. What crooked paths need straightening in your journey toward peace?

## Interlinear Text

---

וַיֵּדְעוּ אֲלֵי שְׁלוֹמָם: דֶּרֶךְ  
The way of peace H3808 therein shall not know H369  
H1870 H7965 H3045

וְלֹא יִהְיֶה בְּמַעַלְלוֹתֵיהֶם מִשְׁפָּט  
not and there is no judgment in their goings paths  
H4941 H4570 H5410

וְעָקְשׁוּ לָהֶם דֶּרֶךְ לֹא יִהְיֶה  
they have made them crooked H1992 H3605 whosoever goeth H0 H3808  
H6140 H1869

וַיֵּדְעוּ אֲלֵי שְׁלוֹמָם:  
therein shall not know of peace  
H3045 H7965

## Additional Cross-References

---

**Romans 3:17** (Peace): And the way of peace have they not known:

**Luke 1:79** (Peace): To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Isaiah 5:7** (Judgment): For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

**Jeremiah 5:1** (Judgment): Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.

**Matthew 23:23** (Judgment): Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

