

Divine Guidance Part II

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Psa 107:4-7

one of the mysteries = Confusion & uncertainty in life
 of all found in Bible assuring us of Guidance
 knew - Possible - 1 - God's nature revealed
 2 - man's nature to receive

II Guidance to Promised - not just good judgment or
 common sense -
 not evaluation but revelation.

III - Personal

1 - as to the Guide - "He" led them - what we
 need more than guidance is a Guide - our God
 does far more than tell us, He leads us -
~~by~~ of giving directions & leading out of town.
 David

God told Moses - "My presence shall go w/ you"
 Jesus "I am w/ you always."

In final analysis we are to seek the Guide
 rather than the guidance. In finding the
 Guide ~~with~~ we will also find guidance.

God gave Abraham Guide rather than guidance
 "a land that I will show you."

When God puts us in a situation demanding
 wisdom, guidance, His purpose is to use that
 situation to draw us to Himself. Guidance
 is not the end in itself - finding the
 will of God is not the issue but the
 of that will. Ex 33 - when God gave guidance
 but not guide, Moses stopped

2- As to be Guidance "no man can walk
securely by light granted to another."
John 3:21,22 - Peter & John ; 1 Tim 1:13

How does Guidance come

Internal Conviction
External Confirmation

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I- Conditions - He leads The leadable
1- Meekness - teachable spirit 2- anyone 3- obedience
- Patience

II- Manner - 1- Inner Convict. 2- external confirmation
- intuition 2- Bible 3- Circumstances (1 open doors
Col 3:15 (2 shut doors)

III Test

- 1- Right Revealed - leave husband
- 2- Right
- 3- Reasonable
 - (1 what reason can know
 - (2 don't contradict reason

Psa 139: 23, 24

① Thoughts demand a never-ending scrutiny lest they degenerate into something that is utterly unwholesome. — if there is anything that is in the least unwholesome, may O help him to see it, remove it, & walk in the way of life — keep him from "every way that leads to pain" — the way of sin.

② Wicked = 789 - ataab = idol - to work, to fashion, to pain, grieve or cause to travail. 1 Chr 4:10 - every idol is a ~~maker~~ marker, saying, Here O is grieved.

③ Very beautifully does the lovely prayer & searching & guidance follow the psalmist's burst of fire. It is easier to glow w/ indignation against evil-doers than to keep oneself from doing evil. Many secret sins may hide under a cloak of zeal for the Lord.

The Psalm began w/ declaring that Jehovah had searched & known the singer, & it ends w/ asking for that searching knowledge. ("I want to know about me what you, O, know about me.")

Thoughts are the inner life, ways the outer life - Both must be submitted to Him.

There are two ways in which men can walk. The one is a "way of grief or pain" - all sin is a blunder. And the inclination to such ways is "in me," as everybody who's honest knows.

The way of everlasting is not in me — but he led into it — no inclination

lead me = we can find it ourselves
way of idolatry

All going to doctor - not w/ diagnosis but for
 healing = "lead me in the way"

+ Prays against the dangerous self-delusion
 the fact of searching in v.P turns into a "petitions"
Search me,

every wicked way is a way of grief, trouble &
 sorrow

→ true faith is like gold; it will endure a
 trial. Presumption is but a counterfeit.

+ the Psalmist's intrepidity - determined to explore
 the recesses of his own heart. Do you have
 the courage to enter your own heart.

2 - His integrity = wished to know all his sins
 that he might be delivered from them

- one of the attributes of sin is to hide man from
 himself to conceal his deformity

3 His Wisdom

1 - David wished to be thoroughly acquainted
 w/ himself

2 - confident & could see thru all despair
 & could remove sin

- In searching yourself you know where the tender points are, I will avoid these.
- Prayer - How do I stand w/ you, Lord.
- Greatest blessing is not seeing others, but myself.
- The Humility of David

I have searched myself & find no great faults, but your eyes are sharper, etc.

No 1 & 2 & 3 : A matter of fact made a matter of prayer.

- Took a Prayer of 1- Self-examination
 ① In spirit of God my desire & b'g & took me
 Time & then tell me what you think gone.
 • 2- of Self-renunciation = wicked way - try me
 3- of Self-dedication = lead me = a submission
 entirely to divine guidance in the future.

- 1- The Evil Way = naturally in us, unknown to us, removed by God
- 2- The Contrary Way = we need leading into it.
- 3- Thoughts = like branches

- In Wicked Way of me = Human life is determined from within. The way is first in us.
- the greatest test of life is w/ regards to leadership — who's going to lead.

