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DIGGING DEEP – January 30, 2024

TOPIC: DIVINE GUIDANCE (3)

TEXT: JUDGES 7:1-25

INTRODUCTION

In today's Digging Deep, we will conclude the series on DIVINE GUIDANCE which we started two weeks ago, that is on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

Divine guidance, which I will also call divine direction, refers to God telling us what to do, when to do it, and how to do it. If we allow God to take our hands (spiritually) and lead the way, we will arrive at our glorious destinies.

Today, we will attempt to situate what we learned from the last two weeks into our daily living and then consider the benefits of divine guidance.

OUTLINE 1 : REVIEW OF TEACHINGS IN PARTS 1 & 2

A) DIVINE GUIDANCE (1)

1. AVENUES FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE

- # Through the Word of God. Num. 12:4-5; 1 Sam. 3:21; Matt. 3:17; Heb. 4:12.
- # Through the witness of the Spirit. Acts 21:10-11, 30-31; Phil. 4:6-7; Rom. 8:14.
- # Through the voice of the Spirit. Is. 30:21; 1 Kings 19:12; 1 Sam 3:3-5; Acts 9:3-5; 10:19.
- # Through Revelations. Joel 2:28, Eccl 5:3, Jer. 23:32, Job 33:14-17, Dan 2:19; Acts 10:10-11.
- # Through ordained situations/circumstances. Jer. 18:1-6; Ex. 3:1-10.
- # Through prophetic utterances and confirmations. Hos. 12:10; Jer. 7:25; 1 John 4:1.
- # Through diverse means as deemed fit by God. Jon. 1:7; Acts 1:23-26.

2. RECOGNISING DIVINE GUIDANCE

- # Get familiar with the Word of God. 2 Tim. 3:16; Jn. 17:17
- # Test your inclinations against the Word. 1 Cor. 14:33.
- # Pray without ceasing. 1 Thess. 5:17; Rom. 8:26-27.

B) DIVINE GUIDANCE (2)

1. BIBLICAL INSTANCES OF DIVINE LEADING AND GUIDANCE

- # The Call of Abraham. Gen. 12:1-4; Heb 11:8-10
- # Children of Israel obeyed God's instruction & commandment on travelling & resting pattern. Num. 9:15-23
- # God's instructions to Isaac. Gen. 26:1-17; 31:3,13

Elijah showed himself to King Ahab, who was seeking his life, at the word of God. 1 Kings 18:1-17.

David severally inquired for divine direction from God. 1 Sam. 30:6-9; 2 Sam. 2:1-4; 5:17-21

God led and guided the Wise men to the birth place of Jesus Christ. Matt. 2:9-12

God guided Ananias to the specific address where Saul of Tarsus was. Acts 9:10-17; 16:6

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR DIVINE LEADING AND GUIDANCE

Delight your yourself in the Lord. Ps. 37:4-5; 1 Cor 2:9-11

Have passion to do God's will. Lk. 22:42; 1 Cor. 9:16; Rom. 8:28; Jer. 29:11

Have a willingness to be led. Rom 8:14; Ps. 23:1-2

Have an attitude of meekness. Matt 5:5; Ps. 25:9

Have an attitude of enquiry. Jer. 6:16; Matt. 7:7

Have an attitude of hearing and listening. Jam.1:19; Ps. 85:8; Hab. 2:1-2; Rom. 10:17

Have an attitude of patience. Heb.10:35-39; Is.28:16; 1 Sam. 13:7-14.

Soak in and meditate on the word of God. Ps 119:105

Pay attention to Godly leaders over you. 1 Sam. 3:9.

Obey previous instructions. Mk. 4:24b

Surrender your life to Jesus. Jn. 10:14, 25-30

OUTLINE 2: BENEFITS OF DIVINE GUIDANCE

We cannot talk about the benefits of divine guidance if you are not saved or you are disobedient to God's instructions.

1. Following God's plan for your life guarantees greatness. Matt. 4:19

2. He teaches us to profit in life and business. No wasted efforts. Isaiah 48:17

3. You cannot be in want if you are led by God. Ps. 23:2; 34:10

4. Total restoration. Psalm 23:3; 1 Sam 30:8

5. Rest and ease of life as opposed to carrying unnecessary burdens. Matt. 11:28-30; Acts 27:22

6. Divine safety, security and protection. Ps. 78:14, 53; 91:1-2

7. Victory over the challenges and battles of life. Matt. 6:13; 2 Chr. 20:15-26; Judges 7:1-25

8. It gives an assurance that you are His. Rom. 8:14; Jn. 10:25-28

9. Miracles and wonders become come occurrences in your life. Isaiah 48:21

10. Effective decision making (no place for errors). Ex. 14:15-16; 1 Kings 3:16-28

11. You become a carrier of divine presence. Mt. 2:9; 28:19-20

OUTLINE 3 - DISCUSSIONS/INTERACTIVE SECTION

Does God still guide us in the world today?

How does He guide us?

Why is our world in chaos despite having many Christians?

CONCLUSION

Man is limited in knowledge and he is always seeking to know. However, many seek knowledge from the wrong sources (from the fake prophets to the agents of Satan). This has cost many a

lot, including their lives. The best and greatest guide is God. Any life without divine guidance will end in chaos, confusion, stagnation, disappointment, frustration, destruction, doom etc. Heb. 8:9