



“Idols Can’t Guide You”

Habakkuk 2:18-20; Romans 8:1-13

It is so extremely difficult to find our God-directed paths in life, because there are so many alternative roads to travel. There appears to be a cure or an answer to any and every issue which comes into our lives. People are actively seeking ways to learn how to submit to the will of God and follow His lead. This passage of scripture is the seldom-read book of Habakkuk. It will assist you to understand how to apply your God-given skills and abilities to accomplish what He desires you to do.

God provides each of us with a Divine Guidance System to see us safely through any situation we may be forced to face. He, in this text, lets us know where to find Him and how to activate our spiritual guidance system.

I. A Divine Navigation System

God has always been there for His people whenever they were in need. He would ‘come down’ to see what humans were up to (Genesis 11:5). When Jacob woke up he cried, “Surely, the Lord is in this place and I was not aware of it” (Genesis 28:16-17). Moses continuously sought God’s guidance. Even when Jesus declared His departure, He promised that a Counselor would come to guide His followers (John 16:13). We are invited to be “Spirit-led” people by keeping “in step” with the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:25) who, as Paul says, “is in you” (1 Corinthians 6:19).

II. Learning to Follow God’s Lead

Admitting the need to be led – Romans 8:1-3

The beginning of following God’s lead is an admission that we need to be led. Each believer can fall prey to the foolishness of trusting something instead of someone, to chart his or her path.

Habakkuk would agree that there is no substitute for divine organization. God wants to take our scheduling pen in His hand, but only when we admit that we cannot handle it on our own. Once again, it is often our ego that stands between this all-important admission and us. We will never be able to follow the lead of the Lord while believing we do not need His leading. God refuses to make us surrender. You must choose freely to do so, based on the knowledge that you are desperately in need of His hand on your rudder.

III. Trusting the One Who Leads – Romans 8:6-9

We are to let Him take full possession of our body. He is to be given complete control. If that thought is a little unnerving and strange, join the club. None of us likes to give up control to anyone or anything.

Begin to claim the credit for God’s guidance. The next time something good happens to you, the next time an unplanned event interrupts your schedule or changes your itinerary, maybe you could say, “I think I see God in this.” As you do, trusting God’s lead, you may find yourself beginning to follow God in every decision you make. When you trust and follow God’s Divine Guidance System, you will know that you never need to depend on any form of idol, because “Idols Can’t Guide You.”

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