

DOCTRINE OF DIVINE GUIDANCE

- I. There are three categories of volition in human history.
 - A. Divine sovereignty.
 - B. Angelic volition.
 - C. Human volition.
- II. Divine guidance is a subject for believers, since each believer is in God's plan.
- III. Divine guidance begins at the Cross. It is God's will that all believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, 1Jn.3:23.
- IV. The humanity of Jesus Christ is a special case of human volition. Jesus Christ has double volition (human volition and sovereignty), Mt.20:22; 26:42; Heb.10:7-9.
- V. Types of the will of God, with Balaam as an example.
 - A. Directive: planned by God and in harmony with the essence of God, Num.22:12.
 - B. Permissive: human volition is allowed to go against God's will, Num.22:20.
 - C. Overruling: God overrules, Num.23:5,12,26.
- VI. Academic principles of guidance.
 - A. Before the completion of the canon:
 1. God spoke.
 2. Angels taught.
 3. There were dreams and visions.
 4. There was the urim and thumim.
 5. There were prophets.
 - B. Since the completion of the canon, Scripture is the only source of God's will, Rom.12:2.
- VII. Phase 2 categories of the will of God.
 - A. Viewpoint: what God wants you to think.
 - B. Operational: what God wants you to do.
 - C. Geographic: where God wants you to be.
- VIII. Mechanics of the will of God, in Act.11.
 - A. Guidance through prayer, v.5.
 - B. Objective thinking. v.6.
 - C. Contact with the Word, vss.7-10.
 - D. Providential circumstances, v.11.
 - E. Filling of the Holy Spirit, v.12.
 - F. Category 3 relationships, vss.13-15.
 - G. Scripture memory, v.16.
- IX. Divine guidance reaches a routine peak in maturity, Heb.11:6.