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Bible Study: Tuesday, June 4, 2019. TOPIC: Divine Guidance

Divine Guidance Part 4

Text: Gen 11: 26-32, 12: 1-20, 13: 1-18.

INTRODUCTION: Two weeks ago, as we continued on our study on divine guidance, we have been able to answer some pertinent questions. We have agreed that we should be guided at all times by the almighty God. We have also said that in our desire to be guided by God, we must realize that we are made in His image and as such we have some responsibilities and reasoning in decision making. However due to our limitations, we must be sensitive to the instructions from heaven lest we become guilty of running our lives on autopilot without God's input. We rounded off the studies two weeks ago by saying that to be properly guided by God and to hear from Him we need to do the following;

- A. Understand the language of God and the operations of God.
- B. Sensitivity to the Spirit of God.
- C. Practice makes perfect
- D. Dialogue with God and relate with Him by faith not logic

As continuation of this discussion, today we want to spend time analyzing the life of a man who walked with God and was guided in many of his life decisions. In this discussion we will be able to examine his successes and failures and his eventual approval by God. This character is the person of Abraham.

The story of Abraham and his guidance by God spans a good portion of Genesis. Many places where he was spoken to or directed by God also can be found in the Genesis. With the analysis of the life of Abraham and his guidance by God I believe we will get a better and comprehensive picture about how God could lead a mortal.

DISCUSSION:

There are about 9 or 10 times in the Bible where God spoke or directed Abraham:

1. Gen 12: 1-3, 7, Gen 13:14, 15:1-21, 17: 1-27, 18:1-33, 21:12, 22: 1,15

2. Who was Abraham? Gen 11: 26-32
 - a) He was 75 when God spoke to him and asked him to leave his people and home.
 - b) He was 86 when his first son Ishmael was born through Hagar
 - c) He was 100 when his son Isaac was born by his wife Sarah

3. How was Abraham able to recognize God in Gen. 12? I Thess 5:23, Gen 2:7, Pro. 20:27
4. In your opinion, do you think Abraham obeyed God completely when he left Haran? Gen 12:1-5
5. What were the promises made to Abraham by God in Haran? How will you feel if you were the one God promised such things to? Gen 12:1-5
6. How was God able to correct Abraham's mistake for taking Lot along? Gen 5-12, 14-15. God could use certain situation to guide you to His divine will for your life. I Sam 9:3-4
7. Was Abraham working by faith or otherwise (using wisdom) with his manipulations in Gen 12:10-20. Abraham's initial manipulations brought him brought him some immediate prosperity at the expense of God's eternal plans. You cannot manipulate your way out of God's will. Jonah 1:5-6
8. In spite of Abraham's mistake why was God so patient to redirect him? Our sincerity with God will re-align us with His will for us. Psalm 31:10-18
9. How many times in the scripture we read, did Abraham miss God's divine Guidance for him? Gen 12:1-5 (Lot was not part of the deal), 12-20 (Without Sarah the promise made to him by God will fail)
10. In your opinion why do you think Abraham went with Lot? Consider who Lot was, his father, what was Abraham's life not biological relationship with Lot? If it were you, do you think you might make the same mistake? Now consider why we make many mistakes in life.
11. Compare Abraham's decision in Gen 12:11-12 with that he took in Gen 13:8-9. In our walk with God and ultimate His guidance, there is room for growth and maturity.

CONCLUSION: The song, 'lean on me' is a clear resemblance of God's call to us as His Children. We cannot hide away from God and we cannot manipulate Him. He see all our tricks. Sometimes in our bid to be smart and choose our path, we find ourselves in trouble which become hard for us to fix. Some have found themselves in relationships that God never meant for the in the first place and then things got really messy. Some have played themselves out from God's presence. No matter what we do, as long as we are sincere with Him, He will guide us back to our destiny. When we find us losing God's divine will for us, it is not because God left us, it is because we left God.