

Understanding God's Will – Lesson 9

The No Right Turn Sign: The Holy Spirit

I. The Leading of the Holy Spirit

a. Dialogue (Isaiah 30:19-26)

1. This tell us, "And your ears will hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left. "
2. God usually speaks through His word or other saints, but at times He speaks directly in a still soft voice.
3. This is linked to the No Right Turn sign because most often we hear the voice of the Spirit, not when we are on the path of God's will, but when we turn from it, to the right or to the left as Isaiah points out.

b. Direction (Romans 8:14)

1. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
2. Persons who never experience the Spirit's leading are not Christians.



c. Designation (John 10:26)

1. Jesus tells the non-believing Jews, they do not believe because they are not his sheep.
2. The point is clear: if Jesus is speaking to us, we will recognize His voice.

II. How Does the Lord Speak?

a. Constrains (Matthew 4:1)

1. Christ is led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
2. It was an inner impression, as there is no indication of any audible voice.

b. Convicts (Mark 2:8; John 16:7-9)

1. When Jesus healed the paralytic man there was question about his authority to forgive sins to which he responded with a convicting message to the doubters.
2. They could not admit that Jesus might be more than just a mere man.
3. The Holy Spirit leads by conviction in three areas:
 - Sin – disobeying and breaking God’s laws.
 - Righteousness – a right standing with God according to his laws
 - Judgment – assessment of our deeds based upon God’s law.
4. The same spirit who first convinced me of the truth of the gospel indwells me, and lets me know when I stray from God’s desire.
5. Conviction is one way God speaks His will and he does that speaking by the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

III. The Teaching Ministry of the Spirit

a. Reminds (John 14:26)

1. The spirit is a teacher which brings all things to our remembrance.
2. He our “helper” as Christ described him, will teach us all things.
3. It is through the work of the Holy Spirit that we understand the truths of God’s word.

b. Reveals (John 16:13-15)

1. The Holy Spirit ministers by revealing and disclosing truth.
2. The Holy Spirit discloses God’s wisdom to our hearts in a specific way to guide us.