

OUR SPIRITUAL GUIDE

Psa 48:14

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Many times in this life we are found with a situation where we need a guide
- B. Hunters, sightseers, travelers, etc, need guides many times
- C. We have consumers buying guide, TV guide, camping guides hunting and fishing guides, financial guides, etc. - many guides to help us in our day to day living
- D. There is a guide, however, that is more important than any of these and that is our spiritual guide

DISCUSSION:

I. WHY DO WE NEED A SPIRITUAL GUIDE

- A. Because we are on an unknown journey
 - 1. Jacob spoke of his life as a pilgrimage Gen 47:9
 - 2. Abraham spoke of his life in this way Heb 11:9
 - 3. We are strangers and pilgrims 1Pet 2:11
- B. Because we are ignorant and inexperienced
 - 1. Joshua stated our case well Josh 3:4
 - a. Israel had wandered 40 yrs
 - b. Now Joshua reminds them of their dependence on God
 - 2. Solomon, as a young man recognized his dependence and need of help from God 1Ki 3:7
 - 3. We have not passed this way heretofore, it is the first time, therefore we need a guide
- C. Because there are many ways
 - 1. Ask for the old paths where is the good way Jer 6:16
 - 2. A traveler comes to a traffic circle and wonders which way to go - which way is right
 - 3. There are many ways to choose, but only one is the right way Jhn 14:6
 - a. There is the way of pleasure Lk 12:13-21
 - b. There is the way of Infidelity Psa 14:1
 - c. There is the way of indifference Rev 3:15,16
 - d. Denominationalism 1Cor 1:10-12; Col 1:18; Eph 5:23; 4:4
- D. Because there is a cruel, cunning enemy along the way
 - 1. In the beginning he tempted man Gen 3

- 2. In the time of Job, he was still working Job 1:7
- 3. In Time of Jesus, he was still working Matt 4:1-11
- 4. He is as a roaring lion 1Pet 5:8
- 5. Yet he appears as angel of light 2Cor 11:14,15

II. WE NEED GOD AS OUR GUIDE BECAUSE:

- A. God knows the right way
 - 1. He created everything Gen 1 & 2 so He must know the right way back to Himself
 - 2. He knows all things Jhn 21:17
 - 3. He is experienced - from everlasting to everlasting Psa 90:2
 - 4. Following such a guide, man can be safe and secure
- B. God makes plain the right way
 - 1. A highway shall be there Isa 35:8
 - 2. Wayfaring man, though fools shall not err therein
 - 3. He makes way plain through commands and examples
 - 4. Provided a perfect roadmap Jas 1:25
- C. God will never forsake us as our guide
 - 1. I will never leave thee Heb 13:5
 - 2. Leads us in the paths of righteousness Psa 23:3

CONCLUSION:

- A. Since the way of man is not in himself Jer 10:23, we have not passed this way before, there are so many ways and not only is this life involved but also eternity, surely we need a guide
- B. With all this at stake we need a true and dependable guide, we need a perfect guide
- C. Truly we need to say with the Psalmist "For this God is our God for ever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death." Psa 48:14
- D. However, He will not be your guide unless you want him to be and meet his terms!

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