

They are not there necessarily in order to show us that we should not go in a certain direction. Look at Jonah. Jonah went down to Joppa. God said, Go up to Ninevah and preach. Jonah fled to go off to Tarshish away from God's will. We read that when he got to Joppa he found a convenient ship all ready to take him to Joppa. Circumstances ordinarily should not determine what God's will is for us.

Fifth. Ordinarily not by casting lots. There are cases in the Bible where this was done. There are cases today where God stoops to man's weakness and chooses to lead him in this way, but it is rare. I would say that for most of us these are not the way to find God's will. The way to find it is through the Word of God primarily, but here we make

a Sixth measure. Not by opening the Bible at random and taking a verse. Any verse out of context can give an utterly false idea. You remember the old story about the man who said, I wonder what God's will is for me? So he opened the Bible at random to see and he looked up and read the verse? And Judas went and hanged himself. Well, he said That's not very good guidance. Let's try another verse. So he opened it again, and came to the verse, "Go thou and do likewise." Well, he said Let's give it a third try. So he turned again and this time he struck the verse, "What thou doest do quickly." We do not learn God's will by taking verses out of context. We learn it by getting the principles of the Bible. The verse in the Psalms that we read : "I will lead thee with mine eye." God wants us to understand His will, to understand the principles in the Scripture, to such an extent that just with a motion of His eye He can show us the way to go. He wants us to be like Enoch who walked with God, and who therefore was in such ^{conscious} ~~conscious~~ relationship with God that it was easy to know what God's will is. Well that sounds simple but actually of course it isn't. Many a Christian finds himself in great difficulty deciding just what he should do. What decision he