

Holy Ghost to preach the Word in Asia. After they were come to Mysia they assayed to go into Bithynia but the Spirit suffered them not. God was leading. He said no, not Bithynia. And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas and a vision appeared to Paul in the night. Why was he told not to go into Phrygia, or they come to Phrygia, why was he told not to go into Asia Minor? Why was he told not to go to Bithynia? Was it not God's will that the people of Bithynia should receive the gospel of Asia Minor, certainly not. But God had something else for Paul to do right then. And so at that time it was not His will that he go to those places. But we read in the next verse, they passing by Mysia came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately he endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them. God led Paul, step by step, not to go to Asia Minor, not this time, not to go to Bithynia at this time, but to cross over into Europe, into Macedonia. He led him by the Spirit guiding him and he led him by a vision. God guides His people. God led the Apostle Paul. God led the Israelites through the wilderness. God leads you and me today. But how does God lead us today?

I think we must say that experiences such as Paul had there are very, very rare, today. Since the times of the apostles, it is not God's ordinary method of leading, for the Spirit to speak to us and say don't do this or don't do that, or to give us a vision and tell us to do this. Most of us will never have such experiences, and many who think that they have them give evidence to lead us to believe that they are mistaken when they think that they have had this experience. I imagine most of you have heard the story of the lad who was quite convinced that he was called to preach. And when the Presbytery examined him they asked for evidence that he was called to preach and he said that one night as he was passing by a cemetery he heard a voice which said "PC, pc, pc, and he knew that meant Preach Christ, so he knew that he was called to preach Christ. Well, after the Presbytery examined him and found that he had no evidence of any gifts such as God would give to one ordinarily whom he desired to preach His gospel or be one of His ministers, they said that they were quite convinced that the letters PC that he had heard meant Plow Corn, plow corn,