

(3) No anxiety at any point. And how important this (3) is. How often in our lives we feel, Oh, I don't know; should I go this way? should I go that way? should I do this? should I do that? Well, if you truly belong to the Lord, the Lord has His definite plan for you. He has His definite purpose. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. Keep your eyes on Him. Look for the cloud. Look for the pillar. He may want you to stay in that work for many years. He may want you to stay a little while; he has another place He wants you to go, another thing He wants you to do. The Lord has His plan. The Lord has His purpose. His pillar of cloud He will give you, to show ~~you~~ you what His will is. What a wonderful answer it is to the craving for certainty. But,

b. The absolute~~ness~~ness of the passage seems to be contradicted by following statements. The absoluteness of the passage seems to be contradicted by the fact that in the next chapter we have guidance by trumpets instead of by clouds. The next chapter, the first few verses tell how the Lord told Moses to make trumpets and to make these and use them to call the assembly, use them for the journeying: a certain blow means we move forward; a certain blow means we stop, signals to tell the people what to do from Moses. signals from Moses to tell the people what to do. Then you look on a little further and you find that in the last part of this tenth chapter Moses, in verse 29, said to Hobab, the son of Raguel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are journeying to the place that the Lord is going to give us." And he said, "I won't go; I'm going back to my own ~~kindred~~ kindred." Moses said, "Don't leave us; stay with us; you know where we should encamp in the wilderness. You be to us instead of eyes." He wanted help from Hobab. He couldn't just look at the cloud; he needed further help. And then we read, verse 33, "they departed from the mount of the LORD three days' journey; and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went ~~in front~~ before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them." Then you read on ~~through~~ two or three chapters and you find that the Lord told him to send spies into the land of Canaan, to spy out the land. Then when you get to Joshua you find that the Lord told them to send spies into Jericho, to get information.