

Jeremiah said, "Lord, give me the guidance sooner, when I plunge forward in my obstinate way, bring something soon to make me stop. Don't let me go to the point where you'll have to send something really severe."

Now that was "a" - Assurance of God's Guidance in our Pilgrimage Journey. there.

Just as the Israelites had the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire/ Many think it was there all the time, but ~~it~~ invisible a great deal of the time, except to the eye of faith. Maybe it came at particular crucial points, at particular times, and was not there all the time. But, whichever it was, and probably some of both, the Lord was guiding and leading them, and we can have the assurance that the Lord wants to guide us. He wants there to be, if we have truly believed in Christ, ~~xxx~~ to be the equivalent of the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire in our lives.

But ~~xxx~~ now we notice "b" here.

b. There are many false or half-true ideas of God's guidance. God wants to guide us. He desires to guide. He will guide us. But how does He guide us? There are many false or half-true ideas of His guidance. Number 1 of these is feelings.

1. Feelings.

I don't feel the Lord wants me to do this. I feel the Lord wants me to do do that. Well, the Lord [may work through our feelings, but they may be simply the result of past experiences which cause us to react in a ~~certain~~ certain way to certain situations. The great bulk of our feelings are that way. I have heard it said, I don't know whether this is true, but it seems to me altogether likely, that the reason why a great, in many cases, where a man suddenly falls desperate in love, with a woman whom he hardly knows, ~~whom~~ whom he has barely seen, that in a great many cases, the reason is that there is something in her eyes, or something about her, which unconsciously reminds him of his mother. And there has been an impression on him, as a