

## GPS – Surefire Direction

How do you know when it going to rain? You can “read” the signs of the times. That is to say, you can look at the sky at see a front approaching. Sometimes you can see changes in the color of the sky; for those of us who are more seasoned in living, we can feel it in our bones.



The point I’m making is that there are signs that point to what is going to happen in the natural on earth. And if you look in the natural, you may well

be able to discern at least the general direction of what may be going to happen.

I have been interested to see the enormous declarations of some that the earth is warming. They have been observing and reading certain signs in nature and have concluded that we are experiencing a phenomenon which they have dubbed Global Warming. Beyond making the determination that this opinion is true, some proponents of this view have also declared that the cause of this self-declared event lies at the feet of certain nations and peoples, primarily those in more developed countries. Emissions of pollutants in the air, too many cows, “carbon footprints,” are the culprits, they claim.

It might be worthwhile to mention that in the very midst of this position being trumpeted, accompanied by calls for drastic changes in the lifestyles of the industrialized world, the entire globe has experienced (inconveniently, I would think, for global warming enthusiasts) the coldest winter in the history of recordkeeping!

Why am I talking about this? Because I want to point out something. If you look for absolute truth horizontally, if you only look at what human reasoning can conclude, you run an enormous risk of getting only part of the truth. More, you may buy into an untruth. Why? Because things are not always as they appear. So - - - how can one know the truth? Is it possible to really know the truth? Yes!

I’m a seeker of truth. I really want to know that which is right, that which is true. When I want to know God’s will for my life, where is the best place to go, to look? Should I look at my circumstances and use what I see and can observe to make decisions?

This is a temptation for all of us. Since we are creatures of flesh as well as spiritual beings, we are all too familiar with the propensity to “lean on our own understanding.” But might we just now permit the Word of the Lord to offer us a yet better way. He has given those who are in relationship to Him a GPS system, if you will.

*You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah*

***I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.***

*Do not be like the horse or like the mule, which have no understanding, which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near you. Psalm 32: 7-9*

and

*“You will hear a voice behind you saying, ‘This is the way, walk here.’” (my paraphrase) Isaiah 30:21*

We all are born with a yearning to know the real truth. We all begin our lives functioning in the natural man, the flesh. But as we are born into the very life of Jesus Christ at the point of conversion, there then resides within us a new reality; we become capable of communicating with the very Lord of all creation, God Himself.

It is a huge comfort to come into a deeper awareness of the fact that He dearly desires to guide in the ways that are best for us. Not only **can** He do so, not only **would** He do so, **He longs to do so!** And all of this for the purpose of giving Him great joy.

Finally, it is in the place of hiding in Him, it is in the secret place of one-on-one interaction between you and Him that you will experience what real truth, real life is all about. Yes, He will preserve you from trouble; He will surround you with songs of deliverance. He will so share with You a friendship with Him that He will be able to instruct you and teach you exactly how you should go. And in one of the most wonderful confirmations of really knowing one another, He says in this gem of His Word,

*“I will guide you with My eye.” Psalm 32:9*

So how about it? Where are you looking to receive unfailingly true guidance? Which compass are you reading for direction? Your eyes or His? Your smarts or His? Other “experts” or His? Come on in, stay in the secret place, and He will guide you with His eye! See you under the shadow of His wings!