

Num 9:21-22

So it was, when the cloud remained only from evening until morning: when the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they would journey; whether by day or by night, whenever the cloud was taken up, they would journey. Whether it was two days, a month, or a year that the cloud remained above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would remain encamped and not journey; but when it was taken up, they would journey.

Sometimes in church, we want to see things happen and happen now. So we go through our programs and try to make things happen. But there are times when nothing happens, and a program can even fall flat on its face. The problem could be that we are trying to make things happen instead of following the Lord's direction.

"But the Lord wants all to be saved and that's what our program is all about."

That may be true, but are we going about it God's way or our own way? We offer free food, the latest music group, skits or plays, free stuff, games, rides and anything else we can think of. But is this really the direction the Lord is leading? What we are doing; was it done in the bible?

So many times we run off doing our own thing, or even just praying about it once, and we figured the Lord didn't tell us no (verbally) so it must be okay.

Think about today's devotional verses and the children of Israel. Every day they looked to the Lord for directions, whether they were to stay where they were, or if they should move, and if they are to move, where to go.

It was a continual thing they did everyday. This is something we should all be doing. Our morning should start out seeking the Lord and His direction for each day. Once we get into the habit of doing this, then when we need to make other decisions such as church programs or ministries, then since we are used to hearing God speak we will follow His direction. We will also know when not to go or not do something.

So pray every day about all things, and if you don't hear a no or yes answer, then try being patient and wait on the Lord. If you are truly seeking God's will, then He will answer when He's ready for you to do something... or not do something.

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✠ ***Psalm 119:133 (NLT2) Guide my steps by your word, so I will not be overcome by evil.***

† **Psalm 37:7** *Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.*