

Cloud and Fire

On Being Led By God – Numbers 9:15-23

Exodus 13:21-22

²¹By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. ²²Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

1. Who is in c_____?

Answer: G_____

Numbers 9:17-19

¹⁷Whenever the cloud lifted from above the Tent, the Israelites set out; wherever the cloud settled, the Israelites encamped. ¹⁸At the Lord's command the Israelites set out, and at his command they encamped... ¹⁹When the cloud remained over the tabernacle a long time, the Israelites obeyed the Lord's order and did not set out.

Ephesians 1:22

...God placed all things under his feet and appointed him [Jesus] to be head over everything for the church

Colossians 1:18

And he [Jesus] is the head of the body, the church...

2. Can we get clear d_____ from the Lord?

Answer: Y_____

Psalm 99:6,7

⁶Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the Lord and he answered them. ⁷He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept the statutes and decrees he gave them.

Exodus 33:9

As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the Lord spoke with Moses.

Deuteronomy 31:14,15

Then the Lord appeared at the Tent in a pillar of cloud, and the cloud stood over the entrance to the Tent. And the Lord said to Moses...

Exodus 40:36-38

³⁶In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; ³⁷but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out – until the day it lifted. ³⁸So the cloud of the Lord was over the tabernacle by day, and the fire was in the cloud at night, *in the sight of all the house of Israel during all their travels.*

John 15:15

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

Acts 13:2,3

²While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

3. How certain can we be of where we'll e_____ u_____?

Answer: N_____ V_____

Numbers 9:17

Whenever the cloud lifted from above the Tent, the Israelites set out; *wherever the cloud settled, the Israelites encamped.*

Deuteronomy 1:31-33

³¹...you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place.... ³²...the Lord your God, ³³who went ahead of you on your journey, in fire by night and in a cloud by day, *to search out places for you to camp* and show you the way you should go.

Matthew 6:34

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

4. Can we learn to discern God's t_____ for action?

Answer: Y_____

Exodus 40:36-38

³⁶In all the travels of the Israelites, *whenever* the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; ³⁷but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out – *until the day it lifted*.

Numbers 9:17

Whenever the cloud lifted from above the Tent, the Israelites set out; wherever the cloud settled, the Israelites encamped.

Numbers 9:18-23

¹⁸At the Lord's command the Israelites set out, and at his command they encamped. As long as the cloud stayed over the tabernacle, they remained in camp. ¹⁹When the cloud remained over the tabernacle a long time, the Israelites obeyed the Lord's order and did not set out. ²⁰Sometimes the cloud was over the tabernacle only a few days; at the Lord's command they would encamp, and then at his command they would set out. ²¹Sometimes the cloud stayed only from evening till morning, and when it lifted in the morning, they set out. Whether by day or by night, whenever the cloud lifted, they set out. ²²Whether the cloud stayed over the tabernacle for two days or a month or a year, the Israelites would remain in camp and not set out; but when it lifted, they would set out. ²³At the Lord's command they encamped, and at the Lord's command they set out. They obeyed the LORD's order, in accordance with his command through Moses.

5. What is the one key to g_____ it r_____?

Answer: D_____

6. What happens when the glory of God lifts?

Answer: It is either l_____ or m_____

Ezekiel 9:3

³Now the glory of the God of Israel went up from above the cherubim, where it had been, and moved to the threshold of the temple.

Ezekiel 10:3-5, 15, 18-19

³Now the cherubim were standing on the south side of the temple when the man went in, and a cloud filled the inner court. ⁴Then the glory of the Lord rose from above the cherubim and moved to the threshold of the temple. The cloud filled the temple, and the court was full of the radiance of the glory of the Lord. ⁵The sound of the wings of the cherubim could be heard as far away as the outer court, like the voice of God Almighty when he speaks... ¹⁵Then the cherubim rose upward... ¹⁸Then the glory of the Lord departed from over the threshold of the temple and stopped above the cherubim. ¹⁹While I watched, the cherubim spread their wings and rose from the ground, and as they went, the wheels went with them. They stopped at the entrance of the east gate of the Lord's house, and the glory of the God of Israel was above them.