

rather than Preach Christ. It is very easy to be mistaken and to think that we receive some supernatural message when we do not at all. It is easy to imagine things, it is easy to hear things when they do not occur. How often we think we've heard someone calling and gone to them and found that they had not called at all. We're expecting something, and it just seems to us to have happened. Or maybe we're not expecting it but our thoughts are running along certain lines. God certainly spoke in the times of the apostles and of the prophets, His direct Word telling people to do, although in many cases he gave them a vision (4 3/4) leading instead. Since the time of the apostles there have been so many false imaginings of this sort of leading and so many <sup>great</sup> Christians that find--fine workers in God's kingdom--have never had any experience of this kind that I feel that we are quite justified in saying that this is certainly not God's normal way of leading these days.

When I was a student at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles one Sunday I went down into Griffith Park, three or four blocks from the Institute in order to try to get people there to go with me up to the service. Dr. R. A. Torrey, that great saint of God, was preaching that evening as he so often did there in those days. And I went to a man in the Park and I asked him to come with me to the service and he said to me, I must tell you of my experience. He said one day, he said, I was sitting here in the Park and the Spirit said to me get up and walk so I got up and walked. I came to a corner and the Spirit said turn the corner, and I turned. And the Spirit said walk forward and I walked forward and he said after about two blocks the Spirit said turn again and I turned and then I walked ~~forward~~ toward a building and the Spirit said walk in here and I walked in and I stepped in and sat down and there I was in the Church of the Open Door and Dr. Torrey was preaching. And he said, as I walked in, he said I saw his whole face turn black before me, and then he said, half of it turned red and then it turned black again, and he said I knew that that was the Spirit telling me that Dr. Torrey was <sup>of</sup> the devil and I should no more go to hear him. Well, we run on to this sort of aberration and we must be very careful that we do not ourselves get into it. I do not say that God does not in these days ever speak directly to human beings. I do say that it is so rare today and it is so easy to be