

I call your attention this morning to the 32nd Psalm. Ps. 32:8 "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go, I will guide thee with mine eye." The last time that I spoke in chapel we took the subject of understanding the will of God. I had three points. This time I am taking this subject: How to Ascertain the will of God or How a Christian should make decisions. I am taking 18 points instead of three this time so that does not mean, I trust, that I will speak six times as long.

How is a Christian to know what God's will is? It is often difficult to ascertain God's will. Christians often find themselves very much confused, very much perplexed. In what direction shall we go? What shall we do? Shall I go this way or that way? Shall I join with this group or that? What decision shall I make? Often a person may wish that he were a robot, that God would press a button and he would go this way; or press a button and he would go that way. If he did not have to give thought to the perplexing decisions that come before him.

So I thought this morning it would be good to look a little bit in detail into this question, How to Ascertain God's Will. First I am going to look at six points negatively, and then twelve points positively. First, the six points negatively, of about determining God's will.

First. I do not believe that in our time, the way to discover the will of God is to look for or expect a supernatural voice. Now this is heard we know in Biblical times. God spoke directly to His prophets. He told them where they should go. Go into this city. Go and preach there. Go and do this or that. And that was a way that he used at various points in the Bible. Yet when you put them all together it is a comparatively