

Pillar of Fire
(Letting God's Word lead us)
Psalm 105:37-42
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Thesis: I want to show how important it is for us to allow God to lead us today.

- Intro:
1. How many times do you hear people say they are follow God, or maybe even are "lead by the spirit"?
 2. Today, we are to follow God through obedience to His word..
 3. This is more than just salvation, it's a way of life.

I. God's leadership in the Bible.

A. In the Old testament

1. Nations prospered when they followed God and failed when they didn't.
2. Army leaders where dominating when with God and utterly destroyed when He wasn't (**Psalm 9:17**)

B. In the New testament

1. Christ came to lead those who would believe in Him to eternal life (**Jn 14:6**).
2. The Holy Spirit lead the Apostles into all truth, today God's word leads us to truth & eternal life (**James 1:21**).

III. God's leadership

A. Why we need to allow God's word to lead us today.

1. If you desire to be pleasing to God, it cannot be done while ignoring Him (**Isa 30:9-10**)
2. Only Gods us to heaven, only God can get you to heaven, thus no God no heaven.

B. Examine Psalm 105:37-45

1. God provided guidance, food & and dwelling place. (**Ps 105:37-44**)
2. In return they were expected to provide faithfulness (**Ps 105:45**)

III. What happens when we don't allow God to lead us?

A. We disobey God

1. If you do not follow God, then you are not obeying Him (**1 Jn 3:4**).
2. If you are not obeying God, then God is not leading you through His Word.

B. You find...

1. an excuse
2. a so-called "justification"
3. that so many other things are more important (**Lk 14:18**).

Application & Conclusion:

1. Is God's word leading you today?
2. If not, how you do you expect to gain heaven?
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Luke 13:3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – Rev 2:10,

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9