

## **Names of God from the Bible**

### **33 – Guide**

*What a wonderful declaration by the sons of Korah, the doorkeepers of the Tabernacle – “For this God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even until the end.”*

#### **Reading: Psalm 48**

Korah was the grandson of Kohath. The Kohathite clans were the Levites God had appointed to look after the “*most holy things*”. They were the ones who would carry the Ark of the Covenant and all the items placed in the Most Holy Place.

Consequently, they knew what it was to live a nomadic lifestyle. They camped to the south side of the Tabernacle. When the Pillar of Cloud moved, they would carry the Ark and the other holy items, following the tribe of Gad until they reached their next destination.

They would have had an acute sense of the guiding hand of God. The Tribes of Israel moved when the Cloud of God’s Presence moved; they stayed when the Cloud remained in its position. There was no fixed time for staying or for travel, so the leaders had to discern when their next move would be.

God was their ever-present guide throughout their wilderness journey of forty years. God guided them to fresh pasture and to springs of water. All the people had to do was to follow.

It is a great testimony to the Kohathites’ dedication that their descendants recognised God’s hand of guidance throughout the generations. It is also a great testimony to the faithfulness and sound guidance of God.

It should come as no surprise that God wants to guide His people and the guidance He gives is good. After all, God created us in order to have an intimate relationship with us. Being a good God and knowing all about us before we are born, it makes perfect sense that He would show us what is best for our lives.

Some people balk or are scared at the concept that God has a plan for their lives. However, as we have just seen, God created us and knows all about us, so why wouldn’t His plan be good for us? Indeed, it is the best plan since He knows how we are ‘wired’, He knows what gifts and talents He has given us, and how best to use the experiences of life that we go through.

I have found God’s plans for me are the best I could ever dream of. Having been a follower of Jesus for over fifty years, I can witness to the fact that my life has been incredibly fulfilling, extremely exhilarating at times, and a unique privilege. Yes, there have been hard times, times of disappointment, heartbreak and fear along with other times when I have just not understood the way or purpose of God in the circumstances I’ve faced. Nevertheless, I wouldn’t trade a thing because, through it all, I have learned to trust Him more. I have witnessed incredible miracles, seen God change people’s lives dramatically for the better and also experienced His supernatural guidance.

Jesus told His disciples that once He has ascended into Heaven, He would send the Holy Spirit to be with them and the Holy Spirit would lead them into all truth. The Holy Spirit is with us today. He longs to guide us each step of our journey on earth. Yes, God has given us common sense so we

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do not need to bother the Holy Spirit about what to eat, drink and wear; however, we still need His guidance and wisdom for each day.

God is our greatest guide. He wants us to consult Him so that we can reach our God-given potential and destiny. All it takes is for us to humble ourselves, seek His will and follow through on it.

### **What does that name mean for us today**

We do not need to live a fruitless life. We do not need to stay in a rut. God is interested in each of us, and has a divine plan for us that is thrilling and fulfilling. It would be very sad if we missed it.

### **Prayer**

*Thank You, Father, for the plans You have for my life. Please help me to hear the prompting of Your Holy Spirit so I can follow Your will for my life each day. Amen*

### **Additional Readings**

- Exodus 15:1-13
- Psalm 32
- John 16:7-15

### **Questions**

1. What do you think God's plan is for your life?
2. Have you ever sensed God giving you specific guidance? What was it and what was the outcome?
3. How does Jesus fulfil that name?