The Geographic Will of God

A practical application of Divine Guidance (as taught by Pastor-Teacher Robert B. Thieme, Jr.)

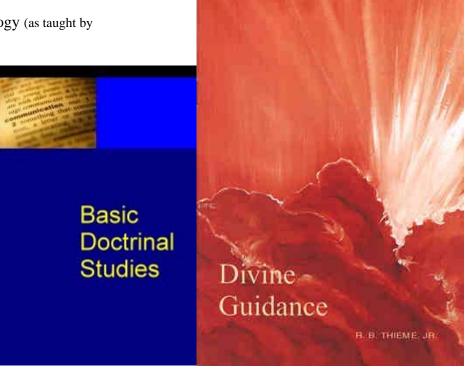
A practical application of Thelematology (as taught by Pastor-Teacher Robert L. Bolender, Jr.)

- 1. God is omnipresent, but designed humanity to be monopresent (Ps. 139:7-12).
- 2. God is interested not only in what we do, but how (Jude 15) and where (Gen. 12:1) we do it.
- 3. God directs the placement of His instruments where He wants them and when He wants them there (Gen. 3:9; 4:9; 16:8; 31:13 etc.).
- 4. Human effort to thwart the geographic will of God can be thought of as Operation Jonah (Jon. 1:2-3).
- 5. When a human being intends to not go somewhere he must be willing to be overruled (John 7:8-9).
- 6. When a human being intends to go somewhere he must be willing to be overruled (2nd Cor. 1:15-17).
- 7. Every mechanical process for determining the will of God is applicable for making geographic decisions in the Christian Way of Life.

R.B. Thieme's Steps

(From Divine Guidance, all refs from Acts 11)

- A. Guidance through prayer (v.5)
- B. Guidance through the right lobe of the soul (v.6)
- C. Guidance through God's Word (vs. 7-10)
- D. Guidance through providential circumstances (v.11)
- E. Guidance through the filling of the Holy Spirit (v.12)
- F. Guidance through comparison of events (vs.13-15)
- G. Guidance through recalling Scripture (v.16)



R.L Bolender's Steps

(from Thelematology)

- 1. Study to show yourself approved (2nd Tim. 2:15).
- 2. Consult the wisdom of elders (Ex. 18:19; Prov. 1:5; Acts 8:34; 18:24).
- 3. Ask the Father in prayer (Jas. 1:5; 3:17; Prov. 2:3-7).
- 4. Consider carefully providential circumstances, and evaluate them according to Biblical understanding of God's will (Acts 8:36; 11:11; 2nd Kgs. 7:8-9; 1st Sam. 24:4).
- 5. Examine your heart motivation (1st Cor. 2:16; 1st Jn. 5:15; 2nd Sam. 7:3).