

## Christmas Miracles: The Guidance of God

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### THE GUIDANCE OF GOD

#### Psalm 32:8–11 (NLT)

**8** The Lord says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.

**9** Do not be like a senseless horse or mule that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control.”

**10** Many sorrows come to the wicked, but unfailing love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

**11** So rejoice in the Lord and be glad, all you who obey him! Shout for joy, all you whose hearts are pure!

#### FIRST: THE SOURCE OF THE PROMISE

**Verse 8** “The Lord says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.”

**Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)** For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

#### SECOND: THE CONTENT OF THE PROMISE

##### 1. HE PROMISES TO GUIDE US TO THE RIGHT PATH

**Verse 8** = “I will guide you along the **best pathway** for **your life**.”

**Proverbs 14:12 (NLT)** There is a path before each person that seems right, **but** it ends in death.

**Proverbs 14:16 (NLT)** The wise are **cautious** and **avoid danger**; fools plunge ahead with **reckless confidence**.

**Psalms 37:7 (NLT)** Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act.

## 2. HE PROMISES TO GIVE US GOOD ADVICE

**Verse 8** = “I will **advise** you and watch over you.”

**2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NLT)** All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

**John 16:13 (NLT)** When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.

## 3. HE PROMISES TO WATCH OVER US

**Verse 8** = “I will advise you and **watch over you**.”

## THIRD: THE WARNING FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT LISTEN

### First Warning: Don't Be Stubborn

**Verse 9** = “Do not be like a **senseless horse** or **mule that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control**.”

## **Second Warning: Don't Be Rebellious**

**Verse 10** = "Many sorrows come to the wicked"

## **FOURTH: GOD BLESSES THOSE WHO WILL LISTEN AND OBEY**

### **First: Unfailing Love Will Surround Them**

**Verse 10** = Many sorrows come to the wicked, but **unfailing love** surrounds those who trust the Lord.

### **Second: There Will Be Joy and Peace**

**Verse 11** = So rejoice in the Lord and be glad, all you who obey him! Shout for joy, all you whose hearts are pure!