

# DO YOU AGREE WITH JESUS?

## QUESTION: How is man drawn to God?

Many ideas abound as to how a person is drawn to God. What makes one desire to know God and do His will while another exhibits no interest in things spiritual? Some teach that God calls man by means of a vision or dream, or some irresistible urge deep within, or some sort of nudging or overwhelming feeling of peace and serenity. Much of what passes for testimonies of genuine conversion are nothing more than the subjective, yet misguided, desires of a soul that longs for some sign of salvation. How can one be sure he is drawn to God, and just how is this accomplished?

Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me" (John 6:44-45). One must be drawn to God in order to benefit from the resurrection in the last day. Is one drawn to the Almighty by a still, small voice in the night, or a dream or vision, or some strange, unexplainable feeling? Jesus tells us how we are drawn to him. He states that one is drawn to God when he has heard the truth, and has learned of the Father. In other words, one is drawn to a relationship with God through the hearing of the Gospel message.

One cannot be brought to the Lord who is not first taught the good news of salvation in Christ. That is why so much emphasis is placed on teaching others in the New Testament (Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19; Acts 5:42; Acts 20:20). Unless we preach and teach the Gospel, then man has no hope of being reconciled to God. We cannot sit back and wait on lost souls to experience a nudging or dream or feeling, for God does not draw man in such fashion. It is hearing and heeding the truth of God's word that will save the soul (James 1:21). No other message or method will save the souls of men (Romans 1:16). The message of the cross is God's drawing power: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32).

Do you have a question that you would like for us to consider together, or a comment regarding what has been written? If so, please contact us at [sixthavenue@bellsouth.net](mailto:sixthavenue@bellsouth.net), or write to us at the Sixth Avenue Church of Christ, 1501 Sixth Avenue, Jasper, Alabama, 35501.