

LAW (TORAH)

Abraham's call: "Go....I will show...." (Gen.12).

Moses' call: "Take off your shoes....Go...." (Ex.3).

"The Lord your God, he it is who goes with you" (Dt.31.6).

PROPHETS (NEVIIM)

"Have not a commanded you? Be strong, and of good courage" (Jos.1.9 - Chron.).

"By the good hand of our God on us, they brough us a man of understanding" (Ezr.8.18).

"The cloud pillar didn't depart from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the fire pillar by night, to show them light, and the way wherein they should go" (Ne.9.19).

"Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies" (Ps.5.8).

"You will show me the path of life" (Ps.16.11).

"We plan in our hearts, but the Lord directs our steps" (Pr.16.9).

"He shall gently lead those that are with young" (Is.40.11).

"Look! I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people" (Is.55.4--and contrast Is.53 and M.10).

"I have set watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem, who shall never keep silent day or night" (Is.62.6).

"My father, you are the guide of my youth" (Jer.3.4).

"I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam" (Mic.6.4).

"I will make you as a signet ring [of authority], for I have chosen you" (Hag. 2.23).

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of Hosts" (Zch.4.6).

And, of course, Jonah!

WRITINGS (KETHUVIM)

The Sage ("the wisdom literature") (Esther - S.S.).

GOSPELS

"If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Mt.15.14).

"Woe to you, blind guides!" (Mt.23.16).

"...impossible, but not with God" (M.10.27).

"What do you want me to do for you?" (M.10.36).

"...great men exercise authority....But it shall not be so among you [that you "lord it over" one another]: whoever would be great among you must be your servant ["minister"], and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man came...to give his life...." (M.10.42-45).

"He calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out" (Jn.10.3).

EPISTLES

"He is a chosen vessel of mine to bear my name [i.e., witness to]" (Ac.9.15).

The Pastorals (1&2T. and Titus), which are entirely on Christian leadership. [See my THE PASTORAL LETTERS (United Church Press), a group-study guide.]

"They need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they shall reign forever and ever" (Rev.22.5).

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