

## ACCEPTING GOD'S WILL

5/26/21

- \* Today -- I have the opportunity to give a Bible study
  - \* Plan -- To finish a 2-part series about God's Will
  - \* Last week -- Seeking God's Will
  - \* Tonight -- Accepting God's Will
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- \* I believe that the concept of "name it, claim it" is at odds with the idea of accepting God's will
  - \* A brief description of the "name it, claim it" concept is the following -- When a believer confidently makes a request (or demand) of God, God is required to give the believer what the believer requested (or demanded)
  - \* A quick reason why I don't support the "name-it, claim it" concept is the family unit
  - \* A mature parent (who loves his children) is NOT required to fulfill confident requests or demands from his children by giving the child whatever he requested (or demanded)
  - \* Likewise, our Heavenly Father is NOT required to fulfill confident requests or demands from His children
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\*Why do religious people believe the "name it-claim it" concept? -- Notice following verses

- Matt. 17:20           if you have faith as a mustard seed, the mountain will move -- nothing shall be impossible for you
- Matt. 21:21           if you have faith (and do not doubt), the mountain will be moved into the sea -- it will be done
- 22           "whatever" you ask in prayer, you will receive
- Mark 9:23           if you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes -- (possible yes, but are all promised?)
- Mark 11:22           have faith in God
- 23           whoever has faith (and does not doubt), he will have "whatever" he says
- 24           whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them and you will have them
- Matt. 7:7           ask -- seek -- knock
- 8           everyone who asks, receives -- he who seeks, finds -- to him who knocks, it will be opened
- Luke 11:9           ask -- seek -- knock
- 10           everyone who asks, receives -- he who seeks, finds -- to him who knocks, it will be opened
- Luke 11:11           if a son asks a father for bread, will he give him a stone? -- if he asks for a fish, will he

12 give him a serpent (instead of a fish)?  
 John 14:13-14 if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?  
 John 15:16 "whatever" you ask? -- if you ask "anything"?  
 John 16:23 "whatever" you ask?

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\* Notice the factor of asking "amiss"

James 4:2 you have not, because you ask not  
 3 you ask and receive not, because you ask amiss

\*Instruction of asking according to God's Will

1 John 5:14 if we ask anything according to His Will, He hears  
 us

\* Sometimes, God says "no"

Deut. 3:23-27 Moses asked God to be able to see the Promised  
 Land -- God was angry with Moses and told  
 him to see it from the top of Pisgah  
 2 Sam. 12:15-16 David fasted for the life of his son  
 20-23 David accepted God's answer

\*Excellent examples of accepting God's Will

Dan. 3:17 our God whom we serve is able to deliver us  
 18 but if not, we do not serve your gods and we will  
 not worship the gold image that you have  
 set up  
 Luke 22:42 if You be willing -- remove this cup from me -- not  
 as I will, but Your will be done  
 44 agony -- more earnestly -- sweat as great drops of  
 blood  
 Acts 7:54 the people gnashed their teeth against Stephen  
 55-56 Stephen looked to God and Christ  
 57-58 the people stoned Stephen  
 59-60 Stephen looked to God and Christ  
 2 Cor. 1:8-9 Paul trusted in the God that raises the dead  
 10 delivered -- does deliver -- will yet deliver  
 2 Cor. 11:23-27 notice what God allowed  
 2 Cor. 12:7-8 thorn in the flesh -- messenger of Satan -- to  
 buffet -- besought the Lord 3 times  
 9 Christ -- My grace is sufficient for you; for  
 My strength is made perfect in weakness  
 Paul -- most gladly therefore will I rather glory  
 in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me