

DANIEL 3:17-18

6/15/19

- * Purpose of Sermon -- To discuss "Daniel 3:17-18"
- * The subject matter -- True Faith
- * Through the years, some of you probably remember hearing me describe some of my ideas about "faith"
- * I believe that many people (including many religious people) have an erroneous view about "faith"
- * Following are what I believe to be 2 mistakes about "faith"

1. People confuse "faith" and "hope"
 2. People allow the teachings about "believe" to influence them to accept the "name-it, claim-it" philosophy
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*Let's look at some scriptures that influence people to believe that God is required to answer every prayer with a "yes"

*Reminder -- A mature parent (who loves his children) is NOT required to answer every request from His children with a "yes" -- no matter how much faith or hope the children have

Matt. 17:20	"nothing" shall be impossible unto you
Matt. 21:21-22	you shall receive "all" things when you ask with a believing prayer
Mark 9:23	"all" things are possible to him that believes
Mark 11:22-23	have faith -- he shall have "whatever" he says
24	"whatever you desire" -- believe and you shall receive them
Matt. 7:7-8	"every" one receives & finds? -- (Luke 11:9-10)
John 14:13-14	whatsoever? -- anything?
John 15:16	whatsoever?
John 16:23-24	whatsoever?
1 John 5:14-15	if we ask anything?

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* I believe that one of the best examples to describe "faith" is mentioned in Daniel 3:17-18

* Daniel 3:17-18 involves the following --
Daniel 3:17-18 involves -- "believe"
Daniel 3:17-18 involves -- "God's will"

Dan. 3:1-7	the image of gold
8-18	Daniel's friends disobey the king
17	our God whom we serve is able to deliver us
18	but if our God does not deliver us, let it be known that we do not serve your gods and we will not worship the gold image which

- 1.I believe that God (as a perfect Father) will supply our personal needs -- because He is trustworthy and because He loves us
- 2.I believe that God will often give us the desires of our heart -- because He loves us
- 3.I believe that God sometimes says "no" to our requests (often some desires of our heart) -- because He loves us

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

Deut. 3:23-27	God told Moses "no"
2 Sam. 12:15-23	God told David "no" -- (even though David was fasting when he made his request)
2 Cor. 12:7	thorn in the flesh
8	Paul asked 3 times -- that it might go away
9	God told Paul "no" to the specific request -- yet God answered in a different manner -- Paul accepted God's response