

Ask The Lord In Jesus' Name & Believe

(To Receive of God's Promises
To Fulfill Our Needs)

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Adam loved God in his heart and had total faith in Him; so, it was easy to speak with Him. Adam could ask the Lord about things because he knew God personally (as we must come to know God). God created man in His own image, so he was like God while he was under His control and power.

Satan then told Eve (who told Adam) that if they disobeyed God, they would be equal to God (knowing as much as God knew), so being able to do whatever God could do. They rejected God's Word, but accepted the lie of Satan, which completely changed their character, and they were then opposite to what they were. The most serious result of their disobedience was—they lost all knowledge of God; lost faith in God; and had no desire to ask Him about anything.

When God asked Adam where he was, he replied (Genesis 3:10) "I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid." That separation from God, and lack of communication with God, is the worst result of sin, and the cause of every other problem the world has ever known. The root cause of their hostility toward God was that evil nature then controlled their heart.

Every human being born since their fateful decision to turn away from God, would have the same rebellious nature in them that Adam and Eve had. That evil nature within (Jer..17:9 says) "is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked", but the worst part is a complete separation from God and having no knowledge of God. Anyone who still has that nature in control of their mind and heart, ..does not know God. (1 John 2:2-5) "and He is an atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we may know that we know Him—if we obey His commands. He who professes to know Him, and yet does not

obey His commands, is a liar, and the truth has no place in his heart. But whoever obeys His Message, in him love for God has in very deed reached perfection. By this we can know that we are in Him."

Jesus, the Son of God, came into this world and willingly died on the Cross to deliver everyone who will allow Him to deliver them from that evil nature. He will then give them a divine nature in its place in their heart. This new nature of Jesus Christ would be a new person, who would want to seek and ask the Lord about everything. It is (Colos.3:10) to "put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him."

The 'Atonement sacrifice' of Christ, can erase all the sins in our life, if we truly repent, confess our mistakes, and are willing to forsake those old ways and attitudes. The Blood of Jesus delivers us from the evil nature; protects us from Satan's power; controls us by God's Spirit and enables us to have personal relationship with God that Adam once had.

The Cross provides everything (Romans 8:32) "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" God loves us with a perfect and divine love, and that love compels Him to do everything for us, and give things to us, when we ask in Jesus' Name and truly believe to receive from Him (John 14: 14) "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." (everything that we could need or a Scriptural desire that we may have in this life) while we are also being prepared by Him for Eternal Life.

Meeting the same easy conditions that God's people met in Bible times, will give the same divine results concerning all things, divine healing, peace in our home, all needs supplied, and God's control of those we interact with (along with the avenging of wrong treatment toward us).

Scripture explains how we can receive what Jesus purchased with His Blood. It is to ask the Lord personally about anything needed, and that will include His Holy Spirit who inspires faith in us to believe. We obtain all of these things when we ask the Lord in prayer and in faith.

The Scriptures explain the conditions for successful prayers, and they include many examples to show us how easy it is for us to believe to receive from a God Who is waiting to minister to those who believe on Him (as He

explained (Matt.20:28) *"just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."*

The principles of our effectively dealing with God, are the same principles of effective dealing with humans. Those conditions are met during interactions between free-will individuals— they cannot be changed by human or divine power.

Three principles will be involved, that is the *money* to pay for what is purchased; a *decision made* to deal with that person; and *accepting* their word that the package contains what we requested. When we *ask the Lord in Jesus Name* and believe to receive from Him, God's Word tells us that everything we could need for *this* life and for the *next*, has already been purchased by a 'Blood sacrifice', .. it is *already ours for the asking*. (John 14:13) *"And whatever any of you ask in my name, I will do, in order that the Father may be glorified in the Son."*

A *first principle* is the *value* of the Blood of Christ; the *second* is a person's *decision* to trust God and ask in Jesus' Name; and *third* is to *accept* His Word as all the *evidence we need to have those things*.

A major problem in dealing with fellow humans is our *limited finances*. That problem is *absent*, however, when we are *dealing with God in faith*. (Hebrews 10:12 informs us that) after Jesus *"had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, [He] sat down at the right hand of God,"* because His work was completed, and He had paid the *full price for us* with His *perfect sacrifice*.

The devil always tries to hinder us from receiving what God wants to give to one who truly believes. Satan uses worry and doubt, to lead us into fear, unbelief, and discouragement, and he always presents *false places of trust*, a '*counterfeit replacement*' of the *true result* that Jesus already paid for. Satan sends foreboding thoughts to our mind, which will seem as if they are *our own sensible reasoning*.

Every lie is directly from Satan (whom Jesus said is the 'father of lies', and so, he *must be rejected by the power of God*. In Jesus' Name we *"resist the devil and he will flee from you"* (we are told James 4:7). The only way blessings can be *hindered*, is *by our accepting what the devil suggests to us*. When we know that those fearful thoughts are from the devil, the battle is partially won (because Satan will not work when he is

detected and exposed. The devil always works in disguise.

The *Promises of God* and all things that are provided through the Atonement work of Christ, are *"gifts from God"*, so they already belong to us, and we have an Atonement right to possess them. Every gift is received by *believing the word of the giver*. We need to believe that *through* the Blood of Christ (and according to *His promise*) that our prayer is answered and we *have* what we have *asked for* in faith (Mark 11:24).

God does not ask us to see any of these things with *our own mind*, but only by the ability *He gives when we* use our power of choice and we *decide to believe*. All *worry* is from the devil and is caused by unbelief, and our accepting the dark pictures Satan puts in our mind. We are *not* to worry, but to *ask the Lord* for wisdom, opening our heart to Him about anything that troubles us, or anything that is lacking in our life.

If *our decision is final to trust God* (regardless of consequences or human impossibility), the first *result will be God's peace within* (*divine peace* that is beyond *human understanding*). This peace from God will take possession of our *heart and life*. Our final decision to *trust on God*, includes the '*grace of God*' to *receive the answer to our prayer*.

All the *teaching of God's Word* (and including every *Promise* He gives), always sends us to Him alone, and it *tells us to deal with God*. Jesus said (John 16:23-24) *"In that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."* (Our responsibility is to believe so that our 'joy may be full').

If we will decide to go to God personally, and we ask Him in Jesus' Name for any Scriptural desire we would like to have, He has promised to hear and answer that prayer for us. (Mark 11:24) *"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."*

Those Scripture references explain how we are to deal *successfully with God*. The *first* is a *final* decision to trust *only on God* alone concerning any *request*; the *second* is to *accept His promise as more than enough evidence that our request is heard* and will be fulfilled according

to our faith. *“According to your faith, so be it unto you.”* (Matt.9:29)

Our *believing* that God will give the answer, provides no *merit* to pay the cost, but only lets the answer in (as does merit within human transactions). Answers to prayer are promised, and ready to be given (Rev.3:20) *“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door,”* the answer will be granted.

Personally dealing with God is opposite to personally depending on self. When we decide to trust God alone for whatever is needed or desired—and also deciding to never go back to the world's way, self is rejected. Self will not *desire* to, nor be *able* to, take any risk on God.

However, when we accept God's Word as enough evidence that our prayer is heard and answered (without waiting to see any further evidence), self is gone and no longer has control of us. *That* is the most valuable spiritual result, benefiting us here and for an eternity.

That blessed and valuable result is received from turning our back on self and Satan and his lies. Adam and Eve *lost* those *wonderful blessings* and the *perfect happiness* they had in Eden, by turning their back on God and disobeying His Word. Reversing that decision to turn away from God, reverses the result so that we can receive those wonderful blessings.

It is reasonable and scriptural to have these blessing we lost, to be returned, by our rejecting Satan's lies and accepting God's Truth. If a person still has that rebellious nature in them, neither God nor His Word would have any value to them. The majority of those who say they are Christians, still have that evil nature in them (that of turning their back on God and His Promises, thus they have no personal dealing with God.

Many people are deceived by Satan, to think that anyone who takes the Bible seriously, or who trusts in God rather than trusting in substitutes, is just fanatical. But being a false Christian is worse than someone who makes no profession of religious beliefs. Anyone who does not trust God for things in this life, is being rebellious to His Word and His will.

The worst of sins is for someone to profess to be a child of God and a follower of Christ, but to still have the deceitful and desperately wicked attitude of the world, still in control of their decisions. Satan loves to have someone make a

‘profession of religion’, but to still be controlled by him. That is why Jesus said (John 12:48) *“He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.”*

Anyone who went to Jesus (which is the same as going to God Himself), and they dealt with Him personally, and being willing to accept His Word alone as evidence of their deliverance, they received the victory and the spiritual blessing that comes with every answer to prayer.

The Centurion, who accepted the Word of Jesus that his servant was healed, surprised the Lord (Matt.8:10), *“Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.”*

Those who continue to reject God's Word, and *believe* Satan's lies, would go to the Lake of Fire (Jesus meant); but those who *accept* God's Word as their solid evidence for answered prayer, receive Eternal Life.

The Blood of Jesus gives each one of us a Scriptural right to ask the Lord about anything, and telling only Him about our needs, then believe His Word that He will give the answer. Again Mark 11:24 *“What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”*

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