

My Way or No Way

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Although God will meet us where we are and help us, bringing us to where we need to be when it comes to understanding true Biblical faith, let us not be sidetracked by thinking that we may dictate to God how He will meet our needs by bypassing what He has already set in motion.

God is the King of His kingdom. He is the One who determines how things will operate. It is not our place to demand that God sidestep faith and submit to us on our own terms.

“If God wants to save me, He’ll save me,” isn’t any more presumptuous than, “If God wants to heal me, He’ll heal me,” or “If God wants me to have the victory, He’ll give it to me.” The person who says these things is putting his faith in a principle that he himself has set forth and is not submitting to God’s principles.

He tells us to ask, for example. Shall we be so arrogant as to refuse to ask? Let’s say there is a generous king in the land who has unlimited resources. If the king were to announce that he would give land to anyone who *asked*, would we really be so stubborn as to say, “No, if the king wants me to have that land, he’ll give it to me personally without me asking”? Of course not!

Yet many people express this haughtiness when it comes to God’s promises and provisions. He tells us to ask, to seek, and to knock, believing He will give us what we need. He wants to answer our prayers, and He will, but we need to respond to His grace with faith. Let us humbly receive.

