

Do You Want What God Wants?

Mk. 11:24 (ESV) - Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Matt. 7:7-8 (ESV)

7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Heb. 11:6 (ESV) - And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

1Sam. 8:4-22 (ESV)

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah

5 and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations."

6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the Lord.

7 And the Lord said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.

8 According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you.

9 Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

10 So Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking for a king from him.

11 He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots.

12 And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots.

13 He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers.

14 He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants.

15 He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants.

16 He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work.

17 He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves.

18 And in that day, you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you in that day."

19 But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, "No! But there shall be a king over us,

20 that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles."

21 And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord.

22 And the Lord said to Samuel, "Obey their voice and make them a king." Samuel then said to the men of Israel, "Go every man to his city."

It is possible to be so preoccupied with the good things that we can get from God that we forget all about him!

Jer. 2:32 (ESV) - Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet my people have forgotten me days without number.

Pr. 1:32 (KJV) - For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

1 Cor. 13:11 (ESV) - When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

Maturity = Giving up something that you would like for the sake of someone else!

James 4:3 (ESV) – You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

James 4:3 (NIV) - When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

Matt. 6:33 (ESV) - But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Ps. 37:4 (ESV) - Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Lk. 12:32 (ESV) - "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

1 Jn. 5:14-15 (ESV)

14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Acts 17:24-27 (ESV)

24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,

25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place,

27 that they SHOULD SEEK GOD, and perhaps feel their way toward him and FIND HIM. Yet he is actually NOT FAR from each one of us,