

God's Answers To Prayer

This will no doubt be one of THE SHORTEST Messages that I write about...but NOT the least important one!!!

The subject matter is about the ANSWERS we can get from God when we pray.

There are 4 specific replies we can get to our petitions and supplications to God in prayer; they are listed here:

Yes.

No.

Wait.

Maybe (IF).

We all understand when God says, "I want you to do this or that"...that THAT is a "YES!"

We all understand that, when God says "I don't want you to do this or that" that THAT is a "NO!"

We get a little more confused with the concept that God tells us that He IS telling us "YES," but then ADDS TO THAT by then saying, "WAIT FOR IT!"

Then there is the one that confuses us the most: (*That* is what this Message is mainly about.)

We must understand that God gives us a "MAYBE!" or "IF" response at times!

The MAYBE/IF comes as a CONTINGENCY RESPONSE FROM GOD:

IF you do, or say, or believe, or think in your heart...OR CONTRARILY, **IF** you DON'T do, say, believe, or think in your heart – AS A RESPONSE TO WHAT HE SAID TO YOU – **THEN** He will DO, SAY, OPEN OR CLOSE A DOOR, OR DOORS, OR PROVIDE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS... **THEN** gives a response of "YES," or "NO," or "WAIT FOR IT!"

MOST of God's Promises ARE CONDITIONAL!!!

EACH ONE OF US **MUST** respond to God, to:

DO, OR NOT DO; or

SAY, OR NOT SAY; or

BELIEVE (HIS answers), OR DISBELIEVE (the world's answers); or

THINK IN YOUR HEART, OR DON'T THINK IN YOUR HEART;

FOR GOD TO **THEN** PROCEED TO THE NEXT STEP OF THE JOURNEY HE IS TAKING ANY ONE, OR ALL, OF US ON!!!

The first step toward God is the step we must take unto salvation itself!

IF you believe the Gospel – the GOOD NEWS Message from God’s Word, regarding BELIEVING that God sent His Son Jesus to die for YOUR OWN SINS, that YOU CAN BE FORGIVEN AND CLEANSED FROM ALL OF THAT SIN IN YOUR PAST...**AND** TO CHANGE THE COURSE YOU ARE GOING TOWARD, TO CAUSE YOU TO WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE INSTEAD OF BONDAGE – **THEN** you WILL be Saved!!!

Along with THAT is HEALING:

IF we each believe in our hearts, and do not doubt IN OUR HEARTS (NOT in our Minds, where we each have thoughts that come and go, some even from the enemy himself, which contradict the Promise, all of which we must proactively defeat, one thought at a time) – AS OUR HEARTS ARE WHERE WE EACH HOLD STEADFASTLY TO THE PROMISE(S) AND CHOOSE TO ADHERE TO OUR FAITH IN IT/THEM, OR TO OUR UNBELIEF REGARDING IT/THEM – **THEN** we each can lay claim to God’s HEALING POWER THAT WAS EXERTED AT THE WHIPPING POST OF CHRIST, WHERE HE RECEIVED THE “STRIPE” (OR, “STRIPE”) OF THE “CAT OF NINE TAILS” WHIP...LITERALLY, THE “BRUISES” (OR, “BRUISE”) for YOUR/OUR HEALING TO BE MANIFESTED IN EACH OF OUR BODIES!

Salvation & Healing ARE CONDITIONAL, ACCORDING TO WHAT WE DO, SAY, BELIEVE, OR OTHERWISE RESPOND TO...OR DON’T DO, SAY, BELIEVE, OR OTHERWISE DON’T RESPOND TO... WHAT HE HAS PROMISED US!!!

Salvation is Conditional (Romans 10:9-10);

Healing is Conditional (Mark 11:23; James 5:16);

Deliverance is Conditional (Matthew 6:13)

(most of the time, with exceptions – Mark 5:5-13 – as someone having to cast out demons for another’s freedom);

Prosperity is DEFINITELY Conditional (3John 1:2);

ABUNDANCE IN ALL THINGS IS PROMISED,

BUT IT IS, LIKEWISE, CONDITIONAL (John 10:10)!!!

1Corinthians 15:57-58

(57) But thanks *be* to God, which **giveth us the victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(58) Therefore, my beloved brethren, **be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord**, forasmuch as ye know that **your labor is not in vain in the Lord**.

2Corinthians 1:20

(20) For **all the promises of God in him** [JESUS] **are yea** [that is, **YES**], and **in him** [JESUS] **Amen** [that is, **SO BE IT!**] **unto the glory of God by us**.

Hebrews 10:22-23

(22) **Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

(23) **Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering;**
(for he is faithful that promised;)

Hebrews 10:26-29

(26) For ***if*** we sin

[the word “sin” here is the word “hamartano,” in the original Greek language, and it means “to miss the mark so as to not share in the prize]

willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

(27) ***But a certain fearful looking for of judgment*** and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

(28) He that despised Moses' law ***died without mercy*** under two or three witnesses:

(29) ***Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?***

So, EVEN SALVATION IS CONDITIONAL, IN THAT SENSE!!!

CONTRARILY:

Romans 4:3-5,13-16,17-25

(3) For what saith the Scripture? ***Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.***

(4) Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

(5) ***But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly*** [that is, it is CONDITIONAL], ***his faith is counted for righteousness.***

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(13) For ***the promise***, that he should be the heir of the world, ***was*** not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but ***through the righteousness of faith.***

(14) For ***if*** they which are of the law ***be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:***

(15) Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, *there is* no transgression.

(16) ***Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed;***
not to that only which is of the law, but ***to that also which is of the faith of Abraham;*** who is the father of us all,

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- (17) (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) **before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.**
- (18) **Who against hope believed in hope,** that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.
- (19) **And being not weak in faith,** he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about a hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:
- (20) **He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;**
- (21) **And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.**
- (22) And **therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.**
- (23) Now **it was not written for his sake alone,** that it was imputed to him;
- (24) **But for us also,** to whom it shall be imputed, **if** [thus, it is CONDITIONAL] **we believe on him** that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;
- (25) **Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification.**

HE SAYS TO US:

“YES”

or

“NO”

or

“WAIT FOR IT”

or, most likely,

“MAYBE” **(IF!)**”

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Blessings2u!!

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