

God will give you what you're looking for

“What you put into it is what you'll get out of it.”

Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 11:9-13

Psalm 18:25-26 (c.f. 2 Samuel 22:26-27), 2 Chronicles 16:9

God shows himself differently towards different people. The condition is a man's heart: that is what determines how the Lord will show himself to an individual.

If you are merciful, pure, and upright, you will find the Lord to be those things. If you are forward, perverse, wicked, sinful, you will find the Lord to be that way, even though God's way is perfect (Psalm 18:30). God is just giving you what you are looking for. He is rewarding you according to your own heart. After all, doesn't he say that he rewards everyone according to his own works and ways (2 Samuel 3:39, 22:21; Job 21:17-20; Psalm 31:23, 54:4-5, 58:11; Proverbs 11:18, 13:13, 24:20, 26:10; Isaiah 3:9-11, Obadiah 1:15, Matthew 16:27, Luke 23:39-43, 1 Corinthians 3:8, Colossians 3:24, Hebrews 11:6, 2 Peter 2:13, 2 John 1:8, Revelation 11:18)?

What do the wicked say about the Lord?

- If God is good and loving, why does he allow...
- If God is who he claims to be how come...
- Why would God ... if he is a loving, caring God?
- There is no way I can accept God doing...
- God is not fair towards me

They see the LORD as evil because they themselves are evil! Have you ever noticed a saved man, right in the sight of the LORD, filled up with the Holy Ghost of God, has never said such a thing when he was under those conditions? All they can do is say, “Praise the LORD for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.” But who are the ones that say all that foolishness? Those who are sinful, perverse, wicked, unthankful, and abominable say those things, whether they be saved or lost (Job 40:1-8). Thus the scripture is fulfilled (Psalm 18:25-26).

Ruckman says, “Rejected light becomes lightning.”

The LORD God of heaven will deceive you if your heart is off and if you continue to reject the words of the Lord. The LORD will not deceive you if your heart is in the right place, he will continue to give you light (revelation). Once your heart is off and you start kicking against the pricks, and reject his word and light, you open yourself up to deception and to the Lord casting you away. Here are some examples:

1 Samuel 8:5-22 (1 Samuel 13:13-14, 15:22-23)

The people wanted a king like all the nations. The LORD said they have rejected me, and that this was nothing new to him: they have been doing this since he brought them up out of Egypt. He said give them what they want.

1 Kings 22:7-40

Because of the wickedness of Ahab and his desire to only hear good things, the LORD puts a lying spirit in the mouth of his prophets to deceive the king of Israel to go to battle and be slain. The Lord will give you what you want.

2 Kings 17:13-23

Israel continued to sin and sin against the Lord, and rejected his words, so the LORD rejected them and removed them out of his sight.

Jeremiah 6:16-21

God shows himself here according to the fruit of their thoughts. In this case they were evil thoughts, seeing they rejected God's word and law. So he purposefully sets up stumbling blocks before Israel.

Jeremiah 7:23-29

They walk after their own heart and refuse to hear God's word so God rejects them and forsakes them.

Ezekiel 14:1-11

If you have idols in your heart, when you enquire of the LORD, God will answer you according to the multitude of the idols in your heart. He is giving you what you are looking for. Unfortunately, most people aren't looking to hear from the mouth of God whatever he has to say; they are not looking for truth. Most people, especially in our day (1 Timothy 4:1-6, 2 Timothy 4:1-4) are looking for what they want to hear instead of what God says. What is the answer from the most High? I'll give them what they want.

Hosea 4:6

Because they rejected knowledge, the Lord rejected them.

Luke 7:30-35

They Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves. So whom do you think turned against them? Jesus did, didn't he?

John 12:35-50 (John 3:19-21)

If you reject the light while you have it (while it's in your midst) darkness will come upon you. Again, you are getting what you want – you get what you are looking for. When you persistently reject the light God has shown you, he can blind you so you don't recognize it, even if your eyes see it, and your ears hear it. Notice also, He that rejects Jesus Christ and his words, the same have one that judges him, even the words which Jesus spake.

*God will only harden your heart if the precondition of a forward, perverse, wicked, and sinful heart exists. He doesn't just do it on purpose.

Romans 1:18-32

If you get to the point where you become unthankful, and refuse to give God the glory, and don't like to retain God in your knowledge anymore, he gives you up and over to a mind void of judgment and over to the wickedness and lusts of your own heart.

"Rejected light becomes lightning."

2 Thessalonians 2:7-12

Those that received not the love of the truth, those people God purposefully sends strong delusion to with the intent that they might believe a lie and be damned. Why? Because they believed not the truth that they might be saved, and found pleasure in sin.

Do you want the LORD to show himself towards you in good ways? That's great, praise the LORD, BUT there are prerequisites you must meet!

Do you want the LORD to save you? He will!

- Romans 10:12-13, John 6:37

Are you trying to find the LORD today? You can!

- Jeremiah 29:11-14, 2 Chronicles 15:1-4, 12-17

Do you want to have fellowship with God? You can!

- John 14:21-24, 15:4-14, 1 John 1:3-10

Do you want to be filled with the Holy Ghost? You can!

- Matthew 5:6-8, Ephesians 5:18

Do you want God to give you something in particular?

- Psalm 37:4-5

Are you looking for wisdom today? You can get it!

- James 1:5-8

Do you want your faith to increase? It can happen!

- Romans 10:17

Do you want to grow up into Christ? You can!

- 1 Peter 2:1-3

But do you desire it badly enough and are you willing enough to do what you have to do to get these things?