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ONE SOUL AT A TIME

Mark 15:16 — King James Version 1611

Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature

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Can God Help Me With My Problems?

Putting Faith in God to Turn the Curse Into a Blessing

I once heard a young pastor say, “You should only do things for God because you love him, not for a blessing or to prevent a cursing.” I do not believe that is true. Usually we certainly do things out of duty, but *in the end* we do it because we love God. Our original intent is not always because we love God. And why would that be wrong?

The carrot in front of the rabbit that God used over again in the Bible was the blessing waiting for his people for their obedience, and the cursing waiting for their disobedience ([Deuteronomy 30](#)). Once He got them past the carrot, they could do things solely because they loved God ([1 Kings 4](#)).

But in every nation where God established that kind of relationship with His people, it never remained for any long period of time. Most of the time, nations had to be severely punished for their abominations to remove them—then God could bless the nation. Very often, a nation went past that point and became reprobate in and of itself, much like Caanan, and now America.

On a personal level with God, regardless of how a nation is doing, we can still be obedient insomuch that God is in a position to bless us, though He is not obligated to. God is *more obligated* to prevent a

curse on us and give us a blessing if we are obedient, however.

The one question that I would have for a person who is skeptical about God helping him with his problems, maybe because he never sees it, is: do you read your Bible, do you go soul winning, do you go to a good Bible-believing church,

God asks of him, and develops a relationship with the right kind of pastor, and knows his God by the name **Jehovah**—he has a better chance of conquering his drug habits and making being clean permanent. We are believing secular humanist philosophies which are notorious for eliminating the power of God. We are

ashamed to call God by His Name and proclaim His Name openly, especially in a populated public. Then, when we have a problem we do not know where to turn and we have no faith in God.

Faith in God to help you with a serious problem comes from your duties to God, especially reading the Bible. The Bible defines faith in [Hebrews 11:1](#). And the things you hope for which you can not see are reinforced when you read your Bible. All of the stories

in there about men of God who had faith show how God helped them. Either you believe it when you read it or you do not.

Yes, God can help you with your problems, and he can turn the curse into a blessing. He requires you to be faithful in your duties to Him, however. You can think of it like a bank account in Heaven. Every time you works for God you deposit money into your account. When you have a problem you spend it to conquer your problem.



After the Passover, when Pharaoh had lost his son, the million or so Hebrews had been brought out of Egypt by Moses only to be standing in front of the Red Sea with the Egyptian army perusing behind them. The people murmured but Moses had faith that God would do something to help them. And to show His glory, God parted the Red Sea as a wall of water on the left and the right. If God can do that for the Hebrews, don't you think He can help you with your problems also?

do you pray? How can a man expect God to be in position to help him with his problems if he is not faithful and obedient to the simple daily chores God asks of us? Take [Alcoholics Anonymous](#) (AA) for example. That organization calls the spiritual force behind the cessation of drugs and alcohol use a “Higher Power,” but it never defines it. By not glorifying God, the philosophies of the AA and NA are in error and probably do not work all that well for most people. On the other hand, if a man is obedient to the simple things