

The God Mockers

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Job 22:21-30

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21 Acquaint now yourself with Him [agree with God and show yourself to be conformed to His will] and be at peace; by that [you shall prosper and great] good shall come to you.

22 Receive, I pray you, the law *and* instruction from His mouth and lay up His words in your heart.

23 If you return to the Almighty [and submit and humble yourself before Him], you will be built up; if you put away unrighteousness far from your tents,

24 If you lay gold in the dust, and the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brook [considering them of little worth],

25 And make the Almighty your gold and [the Lord] your precious silver treasure,

26 Then you will have delight in the Almighty, and you will lift up your face to God.

27 You will make your prayer to Him, and He will hear you, and you will pay your vows.

28 You shall also decide *and* decree a thing, and it shall be established for you; and the light [of God's favor] shall shine upon your ways.

29 When they make [you] low, you will say, [There is] a lifting up; and the humble person He lifts up *and* saves.

30 He will even deliver the one [for whom you intercede] who is not innocent; yes, he will be delivered through the cleanness of your hands.

The Pastor's Kitten

Dwight Nelson recently told a true story about the pastor of his church. He had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed, offered warm milk, etc.

The kitty would not come down. The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and pulled it until the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten.

That's what he did, all the while checking his progress in the car. He then figured if he went just a little bit further, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved the car a little further forward, the rope broke.

The tree went 'boing!' and the kitten instantly sailed through the air - out of sight.

The pastor felt terrible.. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen a little kitten. No. Nobody had seen a stray kitten. So he prayed, 'Lord, I just commit this kitten to your keeping,' and went on about his business.

A few days later he was at the grocery store, and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. This woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, 'Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?'

She replied, 'You won't believe this,' and then told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the child had begged again, so the Mom finally told her little girl, 'Well, if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it.' She told the pastor, 'I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her.'

Family, I don't know about you, but I can see that we are living in a world that takes everything a Christian Believes and mocks it. They have done this for centuries and God has still stood the test.

When people have looked upon Christians, they see them as weak and pitiful, needy and always looking for a hand out. I don't know about you, but that is not who I am or how I want to be viewed.

I am a Child of the King, I am an inheritor of the promise of God. I am destined for Glory. Most people have treated God as a fable.

They look to the miracles of God as being non sensical. How right they are! That is why it is called a miracle.

They mock us Christians in blogs, in news reports, in the offices of businesses, and even some Christians mock other Christians because they don't believe exactly what they believe.

Now, to some degree, there is merit to their mockery, we as Christians present ourselves as radical, over zealous, sickly, poor, pitiful and weak. We have called upon welfare to take care of our needs. We have taken advantage of others, have looked at how we can get ahead. We have acted brashly, arrogantly and stupidly.

We need to make sure that we treat others better than ourselves. We need to take a humble path preferring others. Sacrificing, serving and going the extra mile. This is going to be the evidence that we are Christians, when we are known for our love, generosity, service, and sacrifice. When we live by the fruit of the Spirit we prove our Christianity and against us there can be no law.

So how does this relate to us getting our needs met and the promises of God activated on our lives?

Today, I will share with you some powerful that will take you to the place where you can become "unmockable"

**EVERY PLACE ON WHICH YOUR FOOT SHALL TREAD
I HAVE GIVEN UNTO YOU.**

Joshua 1:1-5

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1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' minister,

2 Moses My servant is dead. So now arise [take his place], GO OVER THIS JORDAN, you and all this people, into the land which I am giving to them, the Israelites.

3 EVERY PLACE ON WHICH THE SOUL OF YOUR FOOT SHALL TREAD, THAT I HAVE GIVEN TO YOU, AS I PROMISED MOSES.

4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon to the great river Euphrates—all the land of the Hittites [Canaan]—and to the Great [Mediterranean] Sea on the west shall be your territory.

5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.

MANY PEOPLE SAY, "If it is God's will for me to be healed, He will heal me. If it is God's will for me to succeed financially, He will just have to bless me".

NO - It is not up to God it is up to you.

We have just read a perfect example of this truth.

40 Years before Joshua took leadership, God gave the land to Israel.

They were not enjoying it's blessings, because they did not go in and take possession of their inheritance.

One of the greatest miracles in the Bible is the children of Israel crossing the red sea.

- About two million people.
- Maybe a couple of miles wide.
- Drowned a large part of the Egyptian army.
- Decimated Pharaoh's nation of men and women (First born and army), wealth and ability to recover.

- Two million sustained in the desert with water and food provided.
- Israel continued to prosper and won battles.
- Established a new country.

One of the greatest disasters of the Bible, specifically the Children of Israel, was that they wandered around the desert for 40 years, when they could have crossed over in 21 days.

There are many who say, the reason I don't have something is because it is not God's will for me to get it.

Family, It is not up to God, it is up to us.
Explain I.A.D.O.M. and the Miracle man.

Everything on this planet belongs to the children of God. Jesus redeemed it out of the hands of the devil, for us.

Romans 8:32

Amplified Bible (AMP)

32 He who did not withhold *or* spare [even] His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also with Him freely *and* graciously give us all [other] things?

2 Peter 1:3

Amplified Bible (AMP)

3 For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by *and* to His own glory and excellence (virtue).

Somebody said, "But the devil controls everything?" 1

John 5:19

Amplified Bible (AMP)

19 So Jesus answered them by saying, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the Son is able to do nothing of Himself (of His own accord); but He is able to do only what He sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does is what the Son does in the same way [in His turn].

Ephesians 2:2

Amplified Bible (AMP)

2 In which at one time you walked [habitually]. You were following the course *and* fashion of this world [were under the sway of the tendency of this present age], following the prince of the power of the air. [You were obedient to and under the control of] the [demon] spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience [the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God].

These scriptures tell us that the devil is in control of the unsaved.

He does not own the materials of this planet any longer. He can certainly gain control of it through those who serve him.

We have authority over the devil.

We can command him to turn loose what God has given us.

It is not up to God it is up to us to claim our inheritance.

Somebody said - If that was true, why haven't the Christian done it?

Because organized religion have not taught the believers how to take possession of their inheritance.

It is not up to God whether I prosper or not. God has already made available to me, everything I need to prosper.

Mark 11:24

Amplified Bible (AMP)

24 For this reason I am telling you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe (trust and be confident) that it is granted to you, and you will [get it].

Markos 11:24

Orthodox Jewish Bible (OJB)

24 For this reason, I say to you, everything for which you daven (pray), everything you request in tefillos (prayers), have emunah (faith) that you have received it, and so it will be for you.

We can only believe we receive it, if we know that God has given it.

There are 2 important issues in this statement.

1. We must know what God has given, according to his word.
2. This will prevent flaky people receiving things that are unscriptural.

Now let's follow Joshua, as he leads the children of Israel, to take possession of their inheritance.
Notice the principles of taking possession.

Joshua 1:2

Amplified Bible (AMP)

2 Moses My servant is dead. So now arise [take his place], go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land which I am giving to them, the Israelites.

Joshua 1:3

Amplified Bible (AMP)

3 Every place upon which the sole of your foot shall tread, that have I given to you, as I promised Moses.

Now watch as they applied the principle.

Joshua 3:14-17

Amplified Bible (AMP)

14 So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people,

15 And when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were in the brink of the water—for the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest—

16 Then the [a]waters which came down from above stood and rose up in a heap far off, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt [Dead] Sea, were wholly cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho.

17 And while all Israel passed over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

Once all had crossed over, they took 12 large stones and placed them in the middle of the Jordan on the dry river bed.

Then Joshua called the priests up out of the river onto the bank. At that moment the water came rushing down the river again.

The children of Israel could not stand on the east side of that river, and said,
"How are we going to get over this river?" "Joshua, if it is God's will that we cross, let God stop the water from flowing".

God already told them, "Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you".

They had to walk into that raging river, in faith.

God said, "Cross over", but they had to act on that word.

We must keep moving forward towards our problem.
Acting on the word of God.

If we do, the problem will divide before our feet, and move out of the way.