

Accepting God's Answers **1Kings 19:9-10,15-21**

God's answer is right, when accept it, like Elijah, difficulties evaporate. When not satisfied with God's answer, difficulties compound/multiply. His answers are not always easy to accept, but are the only real solution

Several Examples

God's answer to Pride **2Kings 5:8-12** *Naaman & Elisha*

Typical those cannot accept simple, yearn for mystical or complex
For Naaman, was only one right answer, wash 7 times in the Jordan.

God's answer to Liberalism **Numbers 22-23** *Balaam*

Typical those not content limit religion to what God said. - **2John 9**
Question sufficiency of God's word, see what the Lord says "more."
Obviously what He has already revealed is not enough. - **1Corinthians 4:6**

God's answer to Materialism **Luke 18:18-24** *Rich Young Ruler*

Young man agreed with part of what Jesus said but sorrowed at cost
It is still sad to see some so close, yet so far from the kingdom.

God's answer to Traditionalism **Acts 10** *Peter*

Turning from ancestral religion was hard - **Galatians 2:11-12**
Like many of us, if it is not in harmony with current beliefs, its wrong.

Present Day Applications. Questions I Need Answered.

What do I do when I sin?

1John 1:9; Acts 8:22

Accept? Not if I remain impenitent and justify myself.

What do I do when I wrong someone?

Matthew 5:23-24; Galatians 6:2

Believe? Not, when I refuse to try to make things right with those I have harmed.

What do I do when I see a brother in sin?

Matthew 18:15; Galatians 6:1; 1John 5:16; 1Peter 4:8

Believe? Not if all I do is talk about and never to the brother, and if I refuse to pray for him.

What do I do to become more faithful?

1Peter 2:1-3; 2Peter 3:18; Hebrews 5:14; 10:23-25

Agree? Not, if I fail to study, miss assemblies & have no real desire to learn more daily.

Do I have right kind of home life?

Ephesians 5:22-33; 6:1-4; 1Peter 3:1-7; 1Timothy 5:8,14

Agree? Not if I let other things take precedence over domestic duty.

How do I get more from worship?

Colossians 3:1-3,16; 1Corinthians 11:28-29; 14:15; Hebrews 2:12

Agree? Not if I just show up without setting my heart to participate.

Serving God requires discipline

Even when have God answer it is not always easy to abandon traditional religious practices, give up erroneous views of salvation or put Lord 1st

Often critical of denominations for refusing to accept what God says about church & plan of salvation. What about our own disposition to His answers to the things we need to correct? -

Romans 2:21-23