

Expecting The Impossible Proverbs 1:24-33

Matthew 19:26

Things that conflict with the nature of God are impossible for Him to do. - *2Timothy 2:13*
Also things impossible for believers because are contrary to God.

Noah would have been expecting impossible if he expected God to build the ark he had been told to build Genesis 6 Against God's character

Many good, religious people expecting God to do impossible for them.

Notice a few things that are impossible for us to receive.

Maturity Without Knowledge

Hosea 4:6; John 8:32

Many find it hard to ... - *John 5:39; 1Peter 2:2* Many seek shortcut to spiritual maturity by asking God to speak directly to their hearts in some form or fashion. - *Matthew 22:29*

Still true today. - *2Timothy 2:15; 2Peter 1:3; Ephesians 4:15; Acts 17:11*

To expect to grow without learning the word, is expecting impossible.

Satisfaction Without Sacrifice

John 3:16

God's, sacrifice points to our need to sacrifice - *Luke 9:23; 1Peter 2:5; Ephesians 5:1; Romans 12:1*

Some complain, "I don't get much out of church services" usually because they don't put much in.

When people really sacrifice they will rejoice - *Acts 5:41*

God never intended we achieve satisfaction in spiritual life w/out sacrifice.

Happiness Without Holiness

Hebrews 11:25-26; Psalms 1:1-2

Our Maker knows our need for happiness and how it can be attained. - *Proverbs 14:34; Proverbs 16:7-8*

May not be virtue in being poor, but riches do not guarantee happiness.

Happiness results from what we are and not from what we have.

So, to expect real happiness without holiness is impossible.

Salvation Without Faith

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; John 8:24; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 16:30-31; Romans 5:1

To expect salvation without faith is expecting the impossible.

But, salvation by faith only is also an impossibility. - *James 2:26*

Righteousness And Forgiveness Without Repentance

Some try to claim "imputed righteousness of Christ"

We are righteous, because we do right - *Luke 13:3; Matthew 3:8; Acts 17:30*

Righteousness is not something to receive, but something to do.

Repentance demands a different kind of life to be lived.

We are to work the righteousness of God revealed in the Gospel

Romans 1:16-17; Psalms 119:172; Acts 10:35

No one can be righteous without doing righteousness. - *1Peter 2:24*

Fellowship Without Obedience

Isaiah 59:1-2; Proverbs 28:9; Proverbs 1:24-33

If we expect fellowship with God, we must do what He tells us.

Hebrews 5:9; 1Peter 1:22; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38,41; Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-27; 1John 1:7

To expect fellowship with God without obedience is to expect impossible.

Submit To God

"With God all things are possible." Yet many limit blessings of God by refusing to accept & obey His promised blessings have conditions that must be met by each one who expects to receive them Instead of expecting the impossible, let us submit ourselves unto God.