

GOD SAYS TO "OPEN WIDE"

Psalms 81:10 John 15:7

Introduction: Every watch a bird feed it's babies? Their little mouths are wide open for the food being given to them. They are eager, trusting and hungry and it seems they can never be filled to where they don't want any more. The eager, trusting and wide opened mouths to receive what is being given to them is a perfect example of how God wants His children to expect things from Him.

Too often christians act like God would give them bitter medicine instead of something delightful that they would enjoy immensely in what they ask of God. God wants to give His children so much more than they ask for. In the text, God tells His children to "open wide" He's got a lot to give.

I. GOD WANTS HIS CHILDREN TO ASK FOR MORE

1. One is to ask God for great things, as great as he/she can think up.
2. When one asks God for great things, then God says to believe and expect that He will do it.
3. God wants His children to ask earnestly for great things, consistently and in doing so it will bring Him honor in answering such great requests.

II. WHY DOES GOD WANT HIS CHILDREN TO ASK FOR MORE?

1. God cares for and is interested in His children.
 - If God was like some think He is, uncaring, distant, then why does He "dare" His children to "open up" and ask greater things of Him?
2. God children can do more for Him and themselves when they ask for greater things.
3. God never requires His children to do anything without promising that all that will be needed will be supplied.
 - Nobody has ever complained, nor ever shall, that they could not do this or that which God required because they didn't have access to the necessary things.
 - No matter what circumstances, trials, difficulties or responsibilities that occur, God will always be there and supply all one's needs (remember Moses and the Exodus?). "*...open wide thy mouth and God will fill it...*"
4. God wants to provide His children's wants, needs and every single thing they are able to think of and said, "*...ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you...*"
5. God has never told any of His children, "You ask too much..." If one comes up short in doing what God wants, it's not because of God. It's because of not asking for it.
6. God is honored by large prayer requests.
 - Most prayers are short, little things showing that the one praying is either unable, unwilling or simply unthinking to ask God to do something extraordinary.
 - Some say "I'm unworthy to ask much from God." That's true, and what is deserved is not what God wants you to have. God wants to give great things to His children.
 - Whenever a child of God asks and expects great things of God, it honors Him.
7. God expects His children to have confidence in Him and to receive those things asked of Him without any question or reservation.

8. God feels honored when His children attempt to do great things in His Name.
 - Attempting great things along with asking for great things honors God.
 - It brings shame to God for any of His children to have little confidence in Him.
 - Sadly, most christians live as though God has little to give and miss out on so much God has for them because they just don't ask.
 - God has told His children to "...seek, know, and ask..."
9. God has so many wonderful, great things He wants to do but His children are afraid to be used by Him or to ask for the great things necessary for God to do what He wants to do.
10. God apparently has a greater interest in giving His children great things than they do in His giving them since they don't ask.

III. WHAT IS THE CHILD OF GOD TO DO WITH GOD'S OFFER?

1. Is there any acceptable excuse for not accepting God's offer?
2. Not accepting God's offer is being cruel to one's self in a way. It is depriving one's self of being more useful to God and receiving so much more that God wants to give.
 - There is no excuse for doubts, fears, troubles and all that besets such a child of God as unlimited provisions are ready to be provided by God freely and instantly.
 - There is just no acceptable reason for such a child of God to complain.
3. Not accepting God's offer is also being cruel to the world God wants His children to go into and tell about His Son, Jesus.
 - It seems that so many who are children of God have no interest in anybody else also becoming a child of God.
4. Not accepting God's offer is taking away from one's own family. What could God give one's family if only God was asked?
5. What would happen if every child of God began to ask God to be used as God wanted and to supply whatever was needed, expecting without question God would do it?

CONCLUSION:

1. God wants to give His children so much more and has said "*...open wide...*"
2. The prayer life of a christian, what, when, how, and where is indicative of that christian's attitude toward God.
3. Want to honor God? Then ask for Him to do some great things, believing with all the heart that He will do what He has been asked. God says to "...try Him and see..."
4. May God help each of His children learn how to "open wide" in asking God to do great things in his/her life.