

IS GOD'S WILL OUR WILL?

Psalm 127:1-2; Luke 12:18ff; 1 Corinthians 10:31

Introduction: Jesus tells about a rich man who decided he needed to increase some of his farm buildings as he had been having some good crops and things were getting crowded. He didn't think to ask God His opinion, just made the decision by himself. The results were not what he was expecting.

It's one thing for a non-Christian to set out to build this or that or whatever and not consult God, but it's not the same for a Christian. God's approval is essential for all the activities in a Christian's life. A note to remember: Just because God's name is mentioned, doesn't mean that God has given His approval.

I. GOD'S FAMILY MUST GO TO GOD FOR EVERYTHING

1. Christians are not to be "self-sufficient."
- God's Children are to go to Him with everything, they are not to be independent of God.

II. GOD'S FAMILY MUST DEPEND UPON GOD'S APPROVAL AND POWER

1. Nothing the Christian can do or know can be substituted for God's divine involvement, no matter how familiar or knowledgeable one may be about certain things.
2. God is never to be taken for granted - for anything.
3. There will be no blessing, probably no success, if God is left out of projects in a Christian's life.

III. ALL THE CHRISTIAN'S EFFORTS, PLANS, ETC., MUST BE IN UNION WITH GOD'S WILL

1. Apart from God, the Christian cannot really do anything that brings God's blessings.

CONCLUSION:

1. Let us do whatever will bring glory to God and not to us.
2. Let us not do the wrong thing and become a stumbling block instead of a light to somebody.
3. Let us each ask God, "What do YOU want of me?"
4. If God be for what we decide to do, who, what can possibly stop us? God will work His will as sure as He parted the waters of the Red Sea.