

God's Directive Will – Scriptural Health Check

Introduction

Psalms 34:1 - see *Conclusion - The Scriptural Response* - is how you should respond on learning that you are still in the directive will of God after being concerned that you were not.

Having had that concern myself some time back, this is how the situation was satisfactorily resolved “...**according to the scriptures**” 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4 that came to mind.

The Scriptural Prerequisites

“...**the keeping of the commandments of God**” 1 Corinthians 7:19 is of course essential with respect to remaining in the directive will of God according to the following prerequisite scriptures. Note that by definition a professing ‘originals-onlyist,’ hidebound by the oft-parroted mantra ‘Only the original is perfect,’ *cannot* apply the following scriptures. He is therefore in a constant state of *wilful* disobedience to the Lord Jesus Christ.

“**Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart**” Job 22:22.

“**Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food**” Job 23:12.

“**I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart**” Psalm 40:8.

What should you do, though, if uncertainty arises about being in the directive will of God?

The Scriptural Diagnosis

The answer to the above question is as follows.

The effects of being in or out of the directive will of God are summarised in John 9:31 “**Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.**” John 9:31 is a scriptural diagnosis with respect to the directive will of God.

That is, God won't show anything *new* from the scriptures to anyone *out of* His directive will, only to those *doing* His will. What follows is how the scriptures ministered to me, following the diagnosis.

The Scriptural Ministration

These scriptures came to mind, together as an illustration that I had never seen before of *a principle of answered prayer with respect to God exceeding expectations*, thereby removing the concern that I mentioned above. Note how the scriptures illustrate themselves.

“**For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope**” Romans 15:4.

“**Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen**” Ephesians 3:20-21.

Note how the following Old Testament passage illustrates Ephesians 3:20, thereby being an encouragement according to Romans 15:4, specifically in my case that according to the criteria of John 9:31, I was still in the directive will of God. It is a good *scriptural* health check procedure to follow.

“**And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land. And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done. And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life. And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now**” 2 Kings 8:3-6.

This is what stood out to me that I had never seen before, in line with John 9:31, Romans 15:4, Ephesians 3:20-21, thereby alleviating all concern with respect to not being in the directive will of God:

The woman, now widowed, came to the king with her son with *one* petition in mind *only*, that of restoration of her house and land. 2 Kings 8:3

Then:

1. A (now, 2 Kings 5:25-27) *truthful* witness was *at that very moment* speaking with the king i.e. in God's perfect provision. 2 Kings 8:4

Note in passing that everyone will speak the truth in the presence of the King. ***“And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the LORD?”*** 2 Chronicles 18:15.

2. The woman and her son appeared before the king *at the very moment* when the witness was speaking about her to the king, i.e. in God's perfect timing. 2 Kings 8:5
3. The woman's identity was confirmed for the king by means of *two* witnesses. ***“...at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established”*** Deuteronomy 19:15. 2 Kings 8:5-6
4. The king not only granted the woman's *original* petition but:
5. he appointed *a royal officer* to restore to her *all* that was hers i.e. to take care of her and her son
6. and to *compensate her to the full* for all that she had lost in her 7 years' absence. 2 Kings 8:6
7. The restoration came from *the king's* provision, *not* that of his subjects after the manner of the wicked Jehoiakim. ***“And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give it unto Pharaohnechah”*** 2 Kings 23:35. The woman and her son were thereby wards of the crown, under the king's personal protection i.e. in God's directive will. 2 Kings 8:6

In sum, God and the king granted the petitioner *7-fold* what she had in mind to ask for, a vivid illustration of Ephesians 3:20-21. In turn, the Lord Jesus Christ should be glorified.

Not to do so is the height of ingratitude.

The scriptural response to ***“comfort of the scriptures”*** Romans 15:4 as above naturally follows.

Conclusion - The Scriptural Response

