

# Our God Is Ready To Do His Part. The Question is, Are We Ready To Do Our's?

A Prayer Article

## Hey America:

It was to my total surprise! He came to me, and in and through the very words of my prayer opened my understanding to a reality that I immediately knew would prove to be a huge boost to my faith. Pastor Todd had called the Church group to what he dubbed, “**Revival Wednesdays**”. Meetings that were to begin with a song, some exhortation, and then we go to prayer. The underlying purpose of the meetings was to seek the Lord so that He might visit our Church with revival. I was praying with Brother Bill, I don't remember the exact words of my prayer, but I was asking of God that He would visit us by the Holy Spirit, even as He had visited the Early Church on what had come to be known as the Day of Pentecost.

## What was it that the Holy One revealed to me?

Simply this, that if we will conform ourselves to the habits and actions of the brothers and sisters who were in that upper room that is spoken of in Acts 1:13, then we too had every right to expect the power of God to visit us, and that God our savior would not let us down. I suddenly understood that like never before! Yes, the sovereignty of God was at work in the out-pouring of His presence among those few Believers spoken of in the book of Acts, but it did not negate the responsibility of those early Believers to seek the Lord in prayer, nor issues of either personal or corporate sanctification (*holiness*). They fulfilled their part, and that allowed for God our savior to visit them with the outpouring of His manifest presence. What happen there at that time was a marriage, if you will. A marriage of the sovereign purpose and pleasure of God, to the decided purpose of men to seek Him, and make themselves ready so that He could come to them.



Yes, it is YeHoVah's lot to hold the times and season in His hands, and He alone knows the time table for all last days' events. But, all things pertaining to the Church will require a purposed cooperation between Believers and the Lord. In short and simple words. **If we are not willing to humble ourselves, and in hearing His voice respond by**

turning to Him in prayer, seeking Him, and turning from every wicked and worthless thing to the practice of true godliness, then we have no right to hope that He will come to us and manifest Himself to us. Yes, all of the sudden I realized like never before that God has always been ready, the element of the equation that stands in lack of readiness is not Him, it is us. It is His Church.

Knowing the frailty of man, all hope would be lost if it wasn't for a basic bit of knowledge related to the Holy One, and the hope that this understanding brings forth.



I do recall one set of words that I offered to God in prayer that evening, they were a set of words that come from the Scripture itself (*I endeavor to make it my common practice to pray the word of God*). The words were first penned by the Apostle Paul, and they are found in Philippians 2:13, and I quote, ***“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”*** The promise that is expressed in this statement is that God will not leave us to do it on our own, but will by His Spirit sponsor in us the heart and

desire to overcome ourselves and seek to please Him in all things. Gracious is our God! He is to be praised and adored. He is to be thanked continually, for the honest truth is that in ourselves we cannot even muster up the desire nor the will to seek Him on our own, let alone the doing of it. It is He who helps us every inch of the way. First, by His Spirit He sponsors the desire in us to seek Him. Then He enables us, if we will choose Him to will it into our lives, then, if we will allow Him, He empowers us to turn our **will** into **action**.

So brothers and sister we are not alone. The Holy One has not left us without an aide in life. He has not left us to do it on our own, but has given us the Holy Spirit to empower and instruct us.

## **BUT**

Have you ever noticed how that some of the small words in our vocabulary can have the most profound affect? We're about to focus on two of those tiny words that often have big repercussions. The words: **If** and **But**. One is a two-letter word, the other only a three letter word, but either, or both of these words can have life and death power attached to itself, and

not just life and death, but eternal life and death power. The **If** and **But** we must speak of are the **If** and **But** related to our personal responsibility to seek and serve the Holy One.

God our creator did not make robots. It is that simple. It did not please Him to create a race of robots who operate as machines. It did not please Him to design and create beings who without choice or will, who without passion or prejudice would go forth daily mechanically doing what they were programmed to do. No, it pleased Him to create human persons who after experiencing the new birth **CHOSE** as obedient children to surrender their desires, their wills, their intellects, and their passion to Him because they recognize His great love for them and the all surpassing greatness of His goodness toward all men, and especially all who will embrace the faith of Yeshua.

The great **If**, is that God purposes to visit us as a people and do great things, **If**, and only **if**, we will choose to seek Him. Things like:

- save sinners
- heal marriages and families
- bring reconciliation between people
- physical healings and other miracles
- deliver addicts from their oppressive addictions
- raise up wise and godly civil and church leaders
- giving wandering souls direction that will fill them with joy and purpose
- etc, etc, etc...there is no end to what God can do in and through us

***Behold, I am the LORD, (YeHoVah') the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me? Jeremiah 32:27 KJV***

**But** the truth is, His hands are tied. He has obligated Himself to respecting the will of the highest form of His creation, IE, mankind. He, has purposed good for us in these last days, **But** He will not force it upon us. We must choose to deny ourselves and choose to cooperate with Him to see His good come to pass.

So, **If** we will choose to surrender to the working of His grace and humble ourselves to pray, to seek Him, to repent of sin, and to embrace righteousness. Then, and only then, will He visit us and lift us up. **BUT**, if we choose not to give hear to His voice, but if we harden our hearts as the Israelites of old did while they were in the wilderness, then He will allow us to experience ever increasing elements of His judgment, of failure and misery until we are willing to repent of our wickedness of heart and choose the way of life.

So my friend, what will you do concerning the **If**, and the **But**?

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To get more out of this article please consider:

Phil. 2:12, 1 Tim. 2:1-4, 1 John 5:15, 1 Chron. 6:11, 2 Chron. 6:2, 2 Chron. 7: 14, Eph. 1:8, Eph. 6:18, Jer. 29:12, John 22: 27, Jam. 5:13, Mk. 11:24, Mat. 26:41, Prov. 15:8, Lk. 11:13, John 14:16-18,

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