

# Questions & Answers

*This page contains frequently asked questions (FAQ's) concerning scriptural knowledge and what God requires of us.*

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**Q. What is your belief or understanding of the Apocrypha ( that is the 5 or so books (I don't remember how many they are) that fall between the Old and the New Testament. They are in some Bibles). Since they are there, why is it that no one really reads from them? What is their significance?**

APOCRYPHAS? - Most of these books that were written during the 400 years of God's silence. They were non-inspired. When I say non-inspired, I'm referring to 2 Tim 3:16. These scriptures were not God-breathed

*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

These books were written as past down stories of the events that possibly took place between the book of Malachi to Matthew. And of course there are others that were written around Jesus time. They were not canonized (approved) as God-inspired therefore they never made there way into the Holy Bible yet they do appear in the Catholic bibles.

They speak of horrific happening of demons, idolatry and even the life of Jesus as a boy. Yet everything God wanted us to know he put in the Holy Bible.

**Q. How do you feel about the statement that people make when they say that those who have died are watching over us?**

Well, perhaps they are to a certain extend but if so - that's all...watching. Jesus is our Great Intercessor who prays for us constantly.

*Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. (Heb 7:25)*

God sends angels to cover and protect us and the Holy Spirit to reside within us to lead and guide us to all truth. If they were truly watching over us, that would nullify the work of the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit and the holy angels.

**Q. Promises/Desires: Are the desires I have really the promises of God or are they separate? And my desire must be in line with His Word. How do I know when God has promised me something?**

My Desire & His Will... The desires that you have are only the promises of God if you can find them in God's Word. As you submit to Him, your will becomes engulfed in His. Please remember - whatever God promises will be consistent with His will - which of course, is His Word. The other point is "Purpose". If you are ever trying to determine whether or not something is really from God, remember to ask and receive answers to the following questions:

- a.) Is this in His will?
- b.) Is this a promise found in His Word for the believer?
- c.) Does it line up with my pre-ordained Purpose?

Here are a couple of more questions to ask...

- d.) How does this benefit the Kingdom of God (Can people be saved - delivered - made free by what I'm pursuing)?
- e.) Have I received the peace of God that passeth all human understanding?

*Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*

**Q. Does God forgive us over and over again for committing the same sin?**

Yes, he does - as long as we mean it whole-heartedly. God understand the frailties of mankind. Yet, I dare say that one should continue in that sin because I believe that God grace for us is proportionate to our sincere repentance. Rom 6:1, Paul says we cannot continue in sin expecting for God's grace to be there to forgive us. Knowingly sinning and slipping (making mistakes) are two entirely different things. 1st John 1:9 provides the avenue for true repentance not justification to continue in sin. This is God's requirement for our life one we become save:

*Eph 1:3-4*

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*

*1 Tim 1:9-10*

*Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.*

**Q. I want to know what is meant by unequally yoked. Whether it be in a relationship or a marriage. What examples could you give as far as being unequally yoked? I have read**

**2Corinthians 6:14-18, I understood what could happen if you get involved with someone unequally yoked, but I need clarification of what unequally yoked is.**

**Could it be two individuals saved and unequally yoked, or is it just two unsaved persons, or one unsaved and one saved person? Could it be someone saved and the other a new-born in Christ? I need some clarification of the subject?**

Unequally Yoked .... Interesting Topic... In 2 Corinthians 6, there is a clear distinction. The literal text is dealing with those that are saved and those that are unsaved.

However, this does not mean that just because two individuals are saved they now have a license to marry. Nor does it mean that the two people cannot be unequally yoked in other areas. As you have mentioned, if you are mature in Christ and in a relationship with a babe, then by virtue of the two of you being on two totally different levels you are unequally yoked as far as maturity is concern.

The bottom line is that this will tremendously affect your spiritual life with God and the individual you are with.

Other areas that one can be unequally yoked in are:

Intellectually  
Financially  
Educationally

All of these areas can and may affect your relationship with another person.

However, per the text, the union of believers and unbelievers are being addressed.

**Q. Test/Temptation: How do I know which is which? I know God cannot tempt me, but how do I know when it's a test? (Bishop Jakes has an awesome tape on Temptation).**

TEST or TEMPTATION??? First - let me say that I have not listen to Bishop Jakes series on temptation. However, here's the answer to your question.

Tests are designed to elevate you, but temptations are design to derail you and pull you off course. When God wants to take you to the next level, there is a qualification process. You must past the test. All the while, of course, the devil plans a temptation to keep you from going (snares and entrapments). The Holy Spirit will help you discern the difference as you rely upon Him and the Word of God in your belly. There are so many scriptures that I can give on this issue but for now holdfast to these. Here are a few.

1) God does not tempt mankind.

*James 1:13-14 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.*

## 2) You Don't Have To Give In.

*I Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

3) The Holy Spirit is the Only one designed to help, keep and sustain you! This means that you cannot keep yourself.

*Jude 1:24-25 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.*

## Q. What is the difference between prayer and petition?

**Prayer & Petition?** There are many kinds of prayers. Petition is just one of them. Prayer of Petition is when you are seeking God for something. You petition Him. Another example of the different kinds of prayers is the Prayer of Agreement - and there are several more. There should be a time for each. As I stated earlier, the Prayer of Petition is when you are petitioning God for something. Is it ok to ask Him? Sure it is. Let's see what Jesus has to say about it.

*John 16:23-24 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.*

And his Disciple James...

*James 4:2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.*

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