When God Says No!

Greg Kline · 1 Kings 22:1–40

INTRODUCTION

- It's not just keeping you out, it's protecting you from the fall.
- I think when we consider God's law, sometimes we think of God's law as some sort of unnecessary restriction. The problem is we don't always see the full plan.
- The problem with Ahab was what? He didn't want to hear no. He only wanted to know God's will as long as it prospered him in his life.

1 Do Not Be Deceived by the Yes Men

1 Kings 22:6–13; 2 Thessalonians 2:10–12; Romans 1:24–28

- Go up, and the Lord will give it into the hand of the king. Now it's specified from Zedekiah that they would win, but really in its vague form, we see that they were really kind of hedging their bets.
- Therefore God sends them a strong delusion so that they may believe what is false.
- It's easy to find people who agree with us.
- Don't just go on the internet. Don't just find the church that agrees with you. Search the word. What does God say?
- But God's opinion and God's law is not changed by the opinions of men.
- It doesn't matter who's saying what, how popular they are, or how many people say it.

2 God Knows What Is Best

Romans 8:28; Romans 8:36–39; James 1:2–4

- Can I say that my faith is complete if I don't conclude that my God knows what is best?
- And we know that for those who love God, all things work together for good.
- You know what this verse does not say? Everybody who just says something to God is going to be rich, wealthy, and live a carefree, cancer free life.
- The victory is in Christ. And that victory that God offers is spiritual. It's not carnal.
- For you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.
- That doesn't mean a new job. That doesn't mean a perfect bill of health. It means we can be with our Creator forever.

3 Never Compromise His Will

1 Kings 22:14; Psalm 119:1–8

- Micaiah says, As the Lord lives, what the Lord says to me, I will speak. We need to never compromise his will.
- Sometimes what we do is we say, okay, I know God's will is best, but maybe if I do these things, God will make it work out for me.

- That means there is no compromise. It is complete, undiluted faith and love and trust in our great God.
- Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the way of the Lord.
- We need to trust that God's way is best, that it's not just about keeping us back.
- But we need to know there is light at the end of the tunnel, and it may not be here and now.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Will I simply trust and obey? When God says no, will I trust that he truly knows best?**

MY NOTES