

## ACCEPTING GOD'S ANSWERS

Intro: We have been given the Bible to know God's will - 1 Cor 2:12,13 - problem is in accepting it. Not always what we want, and many won't

### I) Examples

#### A) Naaman - 2 Kgs 5:8-12

- 1) God's way is simple, humble - v.10 - but Naaman wanted something grand, noble
- 2) Modern-day rituals which are ornate - lavish church buildings, college education for ~~elders and~~ preachers, best meeting preachers, etc.

#### B) Rich young ruler - Lk 18:18-23

- 1) God's way is total commitment, not just the pleasant work
- 2) Fair-weather Christians who will not commit themselves fully to the Lord's work, including monetary, wisdom, and time resources

#### C) Peter - Acts 10:10-16

- 1) God's way is not based on tradition - v.14 - but Peter wanted the traditional
- 2) Some let traditions become as important, or more so, than God's word - Mt 15:9; 1 Jn 5:3

#### D) Balaam - Numbers 22-23

- 1) God gave His answer once for all - ~~Jude 3~~ - Balaam wanted God to agree with him - v.19 > *Nu 22:12*  
*Nu 22:19-22 Balaam wanted God to let him go with Balak's servants*
- 2) Some look to the Bible for authority for what they want to practice, instead of looking to the Bible for their practice - Gal 1:7-9

#### E) Israelites - 1 Sam 8:4-9

- 1) God had his organization in place - vs.7,8 - but the people wanted to improve on it
- 2) Churches today look to improve on the Bible and God's plan of work and worship; i.e. ~~organ, missionary societies, quarterly communion~~  
*music - to attract the young.*

### II) What about today?

A) What must I do to be saved? - Acts 16:30-32 - has not changed or improved since

B) How can I grow as a Christian? - 1 Pet 2:1,2; Heb 5:14-6:2; 2 Tim 2:15; 2 Pet 3:18

C) What must I do when I sin - Acts 8:22; 1 Jn 1:9

Concl: Accepting God's answers is not always easy - Acts 2:37 - but it is always right