

“Name and Claim” vs. “Ask and Apply”

There has been much discussion and difference of opinion concerning appropriating and receiving the promises of God. By promises, I am referring to everything from miracles, healings, gifts, and blessings, to obtaining answers to prayer.

Some take a line and believe the atonement of Jesus Christ ushered in a certainty of health and wealth. They declare Scriptures by faith.

Others take a line and believe that God is able to do anything at anytime. His will will happen regardless. They believe that we are just living under the grace of a benign and generous king who can do whatever he decrees.

I propose a compromise. If we all can agree that *because* of the good grace of God providing the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ that all blessings are open to His followers, according to His divine will, then a peaceable solution results.

Miracles are requested. Grace is petitioned. Intervention is lovingly and respectfully asked for. A request for the God's will is submitted. A relationship with our Heavenly Father and Faithful Redeemer means that living with and for Him now and eternally is more important than our immediately needs. Yielding to His will happens at the same time as our supplicating and praying according to the Word of God.

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” *Matthew 6:33*

“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:” *Matthew 7:7*

“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” *John 14:13*

“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” *2 Peter 1:3-4*