



New Revelation Knowledge for 2013: How to receive God's blessings?

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We have been taught in the modern charismatic church to ask God for whatever we need, and that is certainly something that we can find in the word. "Ye have not because ye ask not." (James 4:2)

There is however a translation problem that leads to a perception problem. The English word **pray** is derived from a root word meaning "to beg or to entreat," while the Hebrew word אָהַתְּפִלָּה (hitpallel) comes from a verb meaning "to judge or correct oneself."

The bible mostly mentions this ("to judge or correct oneself") as the correct approach to God. David refers to it repeatedly in his psalms.

"Who can understand his errors, cleans thou me from secret faults." Psalm 14:12

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord my strength and my redeemer." Psalm 14:19

"Search me, oh God, and know my heart, try me and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23-24

So, the self correction thinking is more in line with the early (Hebrew cultured) church thinking. This thinking has also more humility, as opposed to the thinking, or mind-set, of blaming God or the devil for our problems. It is also not to be confused with self-condemnation or self-accusation which is unscriptural. (Romans 8:1)

Paul writes (by the Spirit) about the importance of self examination and self correction in connection with taking communion.

"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28)

The problem is not to get God to do something for us, but rather to correct and align our lives so we can receive that which he has already provided for us.

God has already blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 1:3)

Constantly asking God, without self-correction, is an error and robs us of God's best!

"Examine yourselves, whether you be in the faith, prove your own selves," (2 Corinthians 13:5)

So, when we pray we must first examine our hearts in the light of the Word and let the Spirit of God correct us. Then we can really call upon the Lord in faith, and he will surely answer us according to his word. (Jeremiah 33:3)

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