

Lord, I have a BIG Question?

Psalm 50:14-15

Sunday Morning 4-17-11

INTRODUCTION

1. I believe if every one of us had an opportunity to ask God just one question that God would probably have a basket full of all kinds of questions relating to a lot of different things. Perhaps a lot of those questions would have the word, "**WHY**" in them somewhere. Others I think would have the word "**WHEN**" in their one question they could ask God. HOWEVER, this morning I want to share with you a question that I think is greater than asking God a question that relates to issues of **WHY** or issues of **When**. Do you know what I think is a greater and a better question for the Christian to ask? I think it would focus on the question of **WHAT**. **What** O God do you want from me? This morning we are going to see several things regarding that **WHAT** question from Psalm 50 that might surprise you
2. Let me begin by telling you that God does not want, nor does He need, **your money** Verses 9-12
3. Now the Lord tells us three simple things here. He says:
 - 1) "I own everything there is."
 - 2) "I have everything I need."
 - 3) "I do not need anything."
4. Now although there is nothing that God **needs**, there are some things that God **wants**. There are some things that God **desires** and that God **deserves**. **It will amaze you how little it really takes to please God.**
5. This morning we are going to find that God is not nearly so hard to please as some people mistakenly think it is. **What** does God want from me?

I. God Wants Me To Be Thankful

1. "Offer to God thanksgiving." (v.14a) **It is far better to lose count while naming your blessings, than it is to lose your blessings by counting your troubles.**

2. You know, the Bible gives us so many reasons to be thankful. We ought to be thankful for the **goodness of God**. Just listen to the following verses: **I Chronicles 16:34, Ezra 3:11, Psalm 107:1**

3. We ought to be thankful for the **grace of God**. The one person that ought to be thankful no matter what, is the child of God. Because every day is a day of grace. **(I Chron. 16:35)."** **(Psa. 136:1-3) (Psa. 136:26)**

4. We ought to be thankful for the **guarding of God**. **(Psa. 18:46-49)**

5. We ought to be thankful for the **guidance of God**. **(Neh. 12:31, 38, 40) (Daniel 2:23)**

6. We ought to be thankful for the **greatness of God**. The Psalmist said: **(Psa. 30:4) (Rev. 11:17 (II Cor. 4:15))** So no matter what, be thankful.

II. God Wants Me To Be Truthful

1. "And pay your vows to the most High." **V: 14** There are two words that are rapidly losing meaning and value in the English language. Those are the words **honesty and integrity**.

2. God is looking for people of honest and integrity. Now let me define those terms. **Honesty is saying truthfully what you will do. Integrity is doing what you truthfully said you would do.**

3. When you make a promise to God you keep it **Deut. 23:21-23. It is good to make promises to God because it helps you be accountable.**

4. You ought to make a promise to God to **tithe**. You ought to make a promise to God regarding the wise and proper use of your **time**. Be careful what promise you make, and when you make them keep them at all costs. Because God wants you to be truthful.

III. God Wants Us To Be Trustful "Call upon Me in the day of trouble..." (v.15)

A. It Tells Me Of The Assurance Of Trouble (Job 5:7)

1. Troubles are inevitable.

Troubles are a fact of life. Christians lose their jobs. Christians get cancer. If the door of your home is painted with the blood of Jesus, **judgment** will pass over it, but **tragedy** will not.

2. Troubles are also inexplicable.

B. It Tells Me Of The Aim Of Trouble Psalm 86:7, "In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, for You will answer me." Again in **Psalm 91:15**, "He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him."

1 Trouble is a tool. It can either be a tool that Satan will use as a **wedge** to drive you away from God, or as a tool that God will use as a **bridge** to bring you closer to Him. You see, when trouble comes, the man of fear will say, "It's enough to make you **lose** your religion." But the man of faith will say, "It's enough to make you **use** your religion."

2. Trouble is also a test . Elizabeth Elliott said, "Every experience of trial puts you to this test: 'Do you trust God, or don't you?'"²

3 Trust is not believing that God will do what you want him to do. Trust is asking God to do what He wants to do, believing it is best and leaving the results to Him. God wants us to be trustful.

IV. God Wants Me To Be Thoughtful

1. Look at verse 15 "I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me." I can sum up for you your purpose in life in two words: "**Glorify God.**" **That is why we have been created, to bring glory to Go**

2. **I Co. 10:31 Psa 86:9. Matthew 5:16**"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven."

3. The Lord Jesus came to this earth to glorify God. **John 17:4** "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do."

4. The great composer, Johann Sebastian Bach, at the end of all of his compositions, would put the letters S D G. Those letters stood for the Latin phrase Soli Deo Gloria which literally means "to God alone be the glory."

That is what God wants us to write at the end of everyday; at the end of every week; at the end of every month; at the end of every year; at the end of every life; at the end of your life.

"To God alone be the glory." So in a measure I have tried to answer that very important question, it's a big one and has eternal consequences, more important than O, God **Why** or O God **When** but O God **What. What do you want from me?**