

“Take Ye Away The Stone”

John 11:39



God Does It His Way!

- Why didn't Jesus remove the stone?
 - Why not just speak to the stone?
 - Why not **“ZAP”** the stone?
 - Why not **“ZAP”** Lazarus?



NEWS FLASH !

**God Doesn't Do For Man What
Man Can Do For Himself !**

Parenting Lesson 101

God Being A Good Father...

-provides what we can't provide!

Parents provide:

- ❖ Food
- ❖ Shelter
- ❖ Clothing
- ❖ Encourage
- ❖ Support
- ❖ Training

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Children often believe parents owe them more:

- ❖ Give it to me!
- ❖ You owe me!
- ❖ I'm special, I deserve it!

God's Way

- Noah, build me an ark, **Genesis 6:14**
- Moses, lift up thy rod, **Exodus 14:16**
- Moses, stretch out thy hand, **Exodus 14:23**
- Naaman, dip 7x in the Jordan, **2 Kings 5:10**
- Blind man, wash in pool of Siloam, **John 9:7**
- Apostles, wait in Jerusalem, **Acts 1:4**
- Saul, go to Damascus told what to do, **Acts 9:6**

What Does God Owe Us?

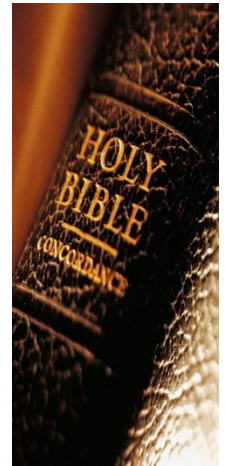
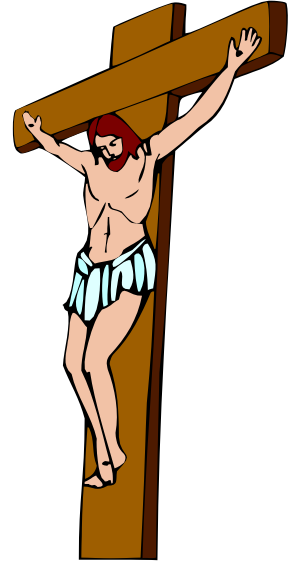
- Snapshot of our society
- Dorothy & Toto aren't in Kansas anymore!
- God doesn't owe us A THING



– **2 Corinthians 12:7-9**, “...there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.”

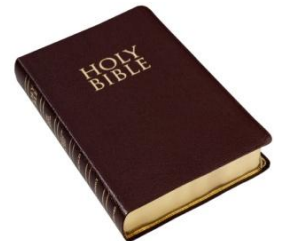
What Has God Provided?

- Perfect sacrifice for our sins
 - **Romans 5:6**, *“for when we were yet without strength, ... Christ died for the ungodly.”*
- Perfect gift, salvation (not earned)
 - **2 Timothy 1:9**, *“Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus.”*



What Has God Provided?

- A perfect home, heaven
 - **Acts 2:41-42**, *“they that gladly received his word were baptized...same day they were added unto them about three thousand souls...”*
 - **Acts 2:47**, *“The Lord added the church daily as should be saved.”*
 - **Revelation 3:5**, *“He that overcometh... shall be clothed in white raiment...I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father...”*



Roll Away Our Own Stones!

- The stone (sin) of unbelief
 - **Hebrews 11:6**, *“without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, AND that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him”*
- The stone (sin) of ignorance
 - **Acts 17:30-31**, *“the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day... he will judge the world in righteousness”*



Roll Away Our Own Stones!

- The stone (sin) of disobedience

- **Romans 6:17-18**, “*ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness”*



- The stone (sin) of indifference (apathy)

- **Hebrews 6:12**, “*be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*”

Roll Away Our Own Stones!

- The stone (sin) of loving the world

– **1 John 2:15-16**, “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”



Sermon of Stones

- Rolling Away Our Stones, **Matthew 5**
 - **Vs. 20**, “...unless you exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”
 - **Vs. 21-26**, murder & anger
 - **Vs. 27-30**, adultery, physical & mental
 - **Vs. 31-32**, one reason for divorce
 - **Vs. 33-37**, yeas yeas, nays nays
 - **Vs. 38-42**, go the second mile
 - **Vs. 43-48**, love your enemies



Sermon of Stones

- Rolling Away Our Stones, **Matthew 6**
 - **Vs.1-4**, Improper giving of alms
 - **Vs. 5-15**, Improper prayer
 - **Vs. 16-18**, Improper devotion to God
 - **Vs.19-31**, Materialism & worry about self
- **Vs. 33**, *“seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Take no thought for morrow”*



Sermon of Stones

- Roll away our stones, **Matthew 7**
 - **Vs. 1-6**, Incorrectly judging others
 - **Vs. 7-12**, Failing to ask God for help
 - **Vs. 13-14**, Avoiding path much traveled
 - **Vs. 15-19**, Bearing evil fruit
 - **Vs. 20-23**, Holding to works of iniquity
 - **Vs. 26-27**, Building on unstable land
 - **Vs. 25**, *“rain descended, and the floods came...the winds blew...beat upon the house; and it fell not, for it was founded on the rock”*



Rolling Away Our Stones

- What stones do you need to roll away?
 - God will not roll away your stones!
 - God has done his part!
 - God is not slack! How About You?
- **2 Peter 3:9**, ***The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.***

