

## Ask God first

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### Introduction

1. 1 Chronicles 17:1-4
2. Nathan a prophet of God told David that he could build the temple before he had asked God. God said no, he should have asked God, first
3. With any religious matter we ought to ask God first
  - a. Some ask preacher, spouse, parents or a close friend
  - b. Some might ask elders or preachers for help
4. Let us notice some areas wherein we ought to ask God first

### II Discussion

1. Is one God as good as another
  - a. Paul implied that there are other gods 1 Corinthians 8:6
    - i. Athens had many gods Acts 17:16
    - ii. Michael Jackson
    - iii. Covetousness is idolatry Colossians 3:5; Ephesians 5:3
    - iv. Ephesians 4:4-6 there is only one God
    - v. 1 Thessalonians 1:9 turned to God
  - b. Genesis 1:1 God made the worlds
  - c. Genesis 17:6 He is the almighty God
  - d. Hebrews 3:4 God built all things
  - e. Exodus 20:3 no other gods before this God
2. Is mechanical instrumental of music acceptable to God?
  - a. Christ has all authority Matthew 28:18
    - i. That leaves none for you or me
    - ii. Colossians 3:17
  - b. It is not what some preacher or elders think, but what does the Bible says
  - c. Hebrews 2:12; 13:15 we are to sing
  - d. Ephesians 5:19 gives us the instrument it is the heart Colossians 3:16
  - e. We can not add to take from God's Word Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:6; Revelation 22:18-19
3. Is it our conscience or what the Bible says about marriage, divorce, and remarriage
  - a. There is a very casual attitude about marriage today
  - b. It is a life time commitment
    - i. Chicken and hog, with chicken it is just a donation but with the pig it is total commitment
  - c. Conscience is not a safe guide Acts 23:1; 7: held the clothes for those killed; 8: made havoc of the church; 1 Timothy 1:13
  - d. There are different views within the church but that is not what God said.
  - e. What God says settles all matters
4. Baptism is it nonessential
  - a. Some are now saying that any form of baptism is acceptable
  - b. The correct purpose and design of baptism is necessary
    - i. Stands between the sinner and salvation Mark 16:15-16
    - ii. Stands between the sinner and remission of sins Acts 2:38
    - iii. Stands between the sinner and washing away of sins Acts 22:16
    - iv. Stands between the sinner and the blood of Christ,
      1. Blood was shed in death John 19
      2. Blood washes away sins Revelation 1:5

3. Contact the Blood in baptism Romans 6:3-4
- v. Stands between the sinner and a new life 2 Corinthians 5:17
- vi. Stands between the sinner and the body of Christ Ephesians 4:4; 1:22-23;  
1 Corinthians 12:13; Acts 2:47
- vii. Stands between the sinner and being saved 1 Peter 3:21

### III Conclusion

1. In matters of religions it would do us well to ask God first
2. A preacher, elder, parents, friends might give us what they think but it may not be right
3. We must ask God first.