

GOD'S IMPERATIVES

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Introduction

1. Text Numbers 23:12, 26
2. Balaam was asked by Balak, king of Moab, to curse Israel.
3. Sacrifices were made, God's will was sought and Balaam could not curse God's people.
4. This is the setting that caused Balaam to say All that the Lord speaketh that must I do.
5. Balaam was much like we are, he was told by God one thing but the materialistic things got to him. He sold his soul.
6. He did state a truth and an attitude that we must have. All that the Lord speaketh that Must I do. This is what we want to notice today. What must we do.

II Discussion

- A. The meaning of the word "must."
 1. Dictionary it is necessary as binding- behooved, be meet ought should.
 2. While there are things necessary that must be done this does not rule out the free agency of man. Matthew 17:10-13; 26:53-54.
 3. Can we weaken what the Lord said that we must do?
- B. In the first principles God has placed this imperative.
 1. Acts 9:6 God said there are some things that must be done.
 2. Faith is one of them. Hebrews 11:6
 3. Repentance must be done Acts 17:30-31
 4. Confession must be done Romans 10:9-10
 5. Baptism is one. John 3:7
 6. Thus it must be done in order to have the rewards at the end of life.
- C. In the Christian life there are some imperatives to be found.
 1. The worship of God is one. John 4:24
 2. There is the separation in sinful situations. Ezra 10:10-12; II Corinthians 6:17
 3. To be a friend one must be a friend. Proverbs 18:24
- D. In everyone's life there are going to be some imperatives.
 1. We must all put on incorruption. I Corinthians 15:53
 2. We must all appear before God. II Corinthians 5:10

III Conclusion

1. Do we have the right to say that any of these are non-essential?
2. What will it take to get you to see that we must do something to be saved?
3. Will you wind up like Balaam? II Peter 2:15
4. Which will you do - God's imperatives or nothing?

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