

***Our devotion is an outline of the message at Belfield  
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**WHY WE CAN'T AFFORD TO SAY NO PSALM 37:1-9**

As we look at this passage, we cannot help but to see what the Lord has in mind for us to do. We are to **FRET NOT**, because of the evil doers, we are to put our trust in him and work for God in all things.

But the question is, are we doing this or are we saying **NO** to God?

Today we are living in a "NO" world. We have been taught to say no to many things. This is okay if we are saying no in the correct way.

As a young child my mom would teach me to say no, and even more she was always saying no, no, no. We were even taught to say no and be safe.

I say all of this to bring us to my point today, how many times do we say no to God? Do we say no to salvation and all that God is offering us?

Happiness, blessings, etc.

Let us look at some situations where people said no to God and had to pay for it.

**I. Eve:** She said no to God and yes to the serpent. Look at what happened.

**II. David:**

1. God's chosen vessel. David, means after God's own heart.

2. David was blessed in many ways: He was a great warrior,

Won battles, and very rich.

3. Became lazy in his relationship with God. He did not stay

Prayed up. He was not doing his job as king.

4. Sinned with Bathsheba, and husband Uriah. This sin broke

All the ten commandments. Adultery, covet, stole,

Killed and the rest.

5. David said no to the laws of God and God punished him.

II Sam. 12:13-14 Child died. **<sup>13</sup> And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. <sup>14</sup> Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.**

**III. Jonah 1:1-4, , <sup>1</sup> Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, <sup>2</sup> Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. <sup>3</sup> But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. <sup>4</sup> But the Lord sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.**

How many times do we say no to God and try something else?

**IV. Zacharias Luke 1:5-6 <sup>5</sup> There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. <sup>6</sup> And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.**

1. Righteous before God.

2. Priest performing his duties,

3. Angel appeared and told of a son. (400 years of silence.)

4. Zacharias said no to his word, I do not believe you, it is impossible, we are too old. Give me a sign. How can I know this?

**V. 18 <sup>18</sup> And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.**

5. God punished him by sealing up his mouth until John was born. 19-20 <sup>19</sup>  
**And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings. <sup>20</sup> And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.**

Maybe this is the reason so many people are having problems, They asked for a sign and they are getting it.

#### **V. The RICH MAN: Luke 18:18-23**

**<sup>18</sup> And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? <sup>19</sup> And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God. <sup>20</sup> Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother. <sup>21</sup> And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up. <sup>22</sup> Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. <sup>23</sup> And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.**

Keeping the Ten Commandments will not give you eternal life. That is what the Bible says.

1. No to salvation
2. Was not willing to give up everything.
3. He had kept all the commandments: A lots of people will do that.
4. Jesus told him what it meant to receive salvation and he said NO, he was grieved.
5. Have no record of him ever coming back.

What about us today?

Are we saying no?

Salvation, dedication, service, commandments, etc.

You have to make up your own mind, and let the Lord lead you.

As we think about what is going on today in the world, is it because too many people are saying no to God?

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