

## **"I Don't Care What It Says"**

In the course of a discussion the other day, I asked a man to read a certain chapter from the Bible and get back to me about our topic. He said he would read it, but it would not matter what it says, because he would continue in his practice anyway. He said God would have to come down and speak to him from a burning bush before he would change his mind. Many people have this attitude, that is dead wrong.

The attitude of "I don't care what it says," reveals a lack of respect for God's word. The Bible is inspired, therefore it is authoritative (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Thessalonians 2:15). God revealed it to men through the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:10-13). No spiritual truth was left out (John 16:13; Jude 3). Hence, men can read all they need to know about pleasing God and going to heaven (2 Peter 1:3).

Further, God's word was confirmed by miracles (Hebrews 2:3-4). There is no need for further revelation, nor a miracle to confirm it.

The bottom line is, men are simply not satisfied with what God has authorized. They want something more or different. They want what "feels" good to them, not what honors God. Though they may draw near to God with their mouth, in works they deny Him (Matthew 15:7-9; Titus 1:16).

What about you? Does it matter to you what God says? Is there a belief or practice you are unwilling to give up or change though God's word does not authorize it?

Instead of saying, "I don't care what it says, I'm going to do it anyway," our attitude needs to be, "I don't care what anyone says, I'm going to do what God says" (cf. Galatians 1:10).

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