

God's Answers To Man's Excuses

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"I tried calling on God, but He didn't answer."

Isaiah 59:1-2 Behold, the Lord's hand is not so short that it cannot save; neither is His ear so dull that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, so that He does not hear.

"I don't see anything wrong with the way I'm living."

Proverbs 30:12 There is a kind who is pure in his own eyes, yet is not washed from his filthiness.

"Everybody else is doing it."

Exodus 23:2 You shall not follow a multitude in doing evil.

"I don't need God."

Job 34:14-15 If He should determine to do so, if He should gather to Himself His spirit and His breath, all flesh would perish together, and man would return to dust.

"I would have to give up too much if I became a Christian."

Mark 8:36-37 What does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

"There are too many hypocrites in the church."

Romans 14:12 So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.

"I'll repent later."

Proverbs 29:1 A man who hardens his neck after much reproof will suddenly be broken beyond remedy.

"I'm just neutral about Jesus."

Matthew 12:30 He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

"I'm a good person."

Luke 18:19 No one is good except God alone.

"I've always tried to live a good life."

Romans 3:10-12 There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands; there is none who seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become useless; there is none

who does good; there is not even one.

“It doesn’t matter which religion you follow, as long as you are sincere.”

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

“Men wrote the Bible.”

2 Peter 1:21 No prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

“The Bible has lots of contradictions.”

Proverbs 14:6 A scoffer seeks wisdom, and finds none, but knowledge is easy to him who has understanding.

“Everybody will be saved in the end.”

Matthew 7:13-14 Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.

“I believe in God.”

James 2:19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.

“I’ve been a Christian all my life.”

John 3:3, 6-7 Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, “You must be born again.”’

“Christ is my Savior, but not my Lord.”

1 John 2:4 The one who says, ‘I have come to know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

“I have plenty of time to get right with God.”

Luke 12:20 But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your soul is required of you.’

“The idea of Christ dying for my sins makes no sense to me.”

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

“God could never forgive me for what I’ve done.”

Mark 3:28 Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter.