

Stirring Ourselves Up to Take Hold of God

Building Text – **Isaiah 64:7**

1. *And there is no one who calls on your name...*
2. *Who stirs himself up to take hold of you...*

Blasting Text – **Zephaniah 1:12**

“...and punish the men who are settled in complacency, who say in their heart, ‘The Lord will not do good, nor will He do evil.’”

A faithless attitude can easily make its home in a Christian’s heart if it’s not blasted out by the truth of the Word. **Zephaniah 1:12** talks about the complacent mindset that says the Lord won’t do good or evil. Basically, it says God isn’t going to do anything. In our prayer lives, this attitude can run wild; and, left unchecked, it will take the faith out of our petitions and intercessions. So, we’ll still pray, but it will be like making a wish or rooting for your favorite team. Another unbelieving attitude is, “God definitely answers prayers, just not mine.”

(Please turn to **Hebrews 3:7-15**)

Why does God get so mad at them? Unbelief. In **Exodus 17:7**, they questioned “*Is the Lord among us or not?*” Moses renames that location, “tempted God and contentious.”

These and similar ideas must be blasted out of our minds by the faith-building power of the Word of God and replaced with scriptural promises.

Some passages that encourage faith and calling upon God’s name or stirring ourselves up to take hold of God are:

Isaiah 64:1-4 Selah. O God, rip the heavens and come down here; revive us with your presence, no eye has ever seen... **Acts 4:30-31** Stretch out your hand to heal that signs and wonders may be done through the name...of Jesus...and after they prayed, the place was shaken and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Is this stuff repeatable in our day?

Isaiah 55:6 Call upon God.

John 14:12-14 If you ask in His name, He will do it.

John 15:7-8 If His words live in you, it will be done for you. BUT I tried this and it didn’t work!

Take the antidote. **Luke 11:5-13** Keep knocking; keep asking; it displays faith. (**Luke 18:8**)

1 John 5:4 Our faith overcomes the world.

Hebrews 11 By what?

2 Chronicles 6 What does it sound like when you’re stirred up and calling upon the name of The Lord?

Psalms 77 *I cried out to God...*