

# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO 'GET IN GOD'S WAY'?

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**Psalm 78:41 KJV** Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited (pained; vexed; provoked) the Holy One of Israel.

## I. The God Who is More Than Enough

## II. When we oppose God

- A. **Ignorance of what God is doing - Acts 5:38, 39 NIV** Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. <sup>39</sup> But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”
- B. **Unbelief - Hebrews 3:7-12 NIV** So, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you hear his voice, <sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness, <sup>9</sup> where your ancestors tested and tried me, though for forty years they saw what I did. <sup>10</sup> That is why I was angry with that generation; I said, ‘Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.’ <sup>11</sup> So I declared on oath in my anger, ‘They shall never enter my rest.’” <sup>12</sup> See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.”
- C. **Rebellion - Isaiah 1:4-6 NIV** Woe to the sinful nation, a people whose guilt is great, a brood of evildoers, children given to corruption! They have forsaken the Lord; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him. <sup>5</sup> Why should you be beaten anymore? Why do you persist in rebellion? Your whole head is injured, your whole heart afflicted. <sup>6</sup> From the sole of your foot to the top of your head there is no soundness—only wounds and welts and open sores, not cleansed or bandaged or soothed with olive oil.
- D. **Grieving the Spirit - Ephesians 4:29-32 NIV** Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
- E. **Quenching the Spirit - 1 Thessalonians 5:18-20 NIV** give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.<sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not treat prophecies with contempt

- F. **Frustrating the Grace of God - Galatians 2:21 KJV** I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

### III. There is a real danger of limiting God by

- A. **Our Unwillingness - Matthew 23:37-38 ESV** “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>38</sup> See, your house is left to you desolate.
- B. **Our Unconcern - Revelation 3:20 ESV** Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.
- C. **Our Unreasonableness - Isaiah 1:18 ESV** “Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.
- D. **Our Uncleaness - Isaiah 59:1-3 ESV** Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; <sup>2</sup> but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. <sup>3</sup> For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies; your tongue mutters wickedness.
- E. **Our Unbelief - Matthew 13:58 ESV** And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.