

A Phone Call From God?

Ponder: What if God called you on your phone?

Scripture: "Why, when I called, was there none to answer?" (Isa. 50:2).

This past Sunday morning my sermon pertained to God calling us to salvation through the gospel (2 Thess. 2:13-14). I pointed out that He calls us into the fellowship of His Son, calls us into liberty, into hope, into peace, and into a number of other marvelous things. These great blessings can be ours by His grace as we trust and obey the call of the gospel.

But I was thinking just now about "calling" in a different manner. I expect we all realize God isn't going to call you on your phone! But use your imagination with me for a minute. What if He did? Would you answer?

Your phone is probably like mine. It gives me the phone number of whoever is calling. If I have that number entered into my phone, the person's name will show. If I don't recognize the number, I don't answer. Telemarketers have annoyed me too many times! If the caller happens to be legitimate, they can leave a voice mail and I will happily return their call at my first opportunity.

Getting back to my question: If God called, would you recognize His number? Would it be programmed into your phone? What I'm asking is, are you familiar enough with the Bible to know the difference between His word and a scam?

Robo callers try to sell you extended warranties, solar panels, and vacation packages. But there are religious "marketers" too! They're likely to use a more subtle approach than a phone call, but the commodity they're "selling" probably differs from Holy Scripture in significant ways. You should be like the Bereans in Acts 17:11. They "searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so."

Learn the difference between God's word and the traditions of men. Make certain that God is programmed into your phone, and answer when He calls!

Hymn: "When The Savior Calls I Will Answer"

Prayer: Righteous Father, we thank You for the gospel, and for calling us to salvation through it. Help us, we pray, to learn your word so thoroughly that we quickly recognize truth and error. May we always answer in trusting obedience when You call. In Jesus' name, Amen.