

Chapter Eleven

The Divine Response to Human Decisions

It is with tears and with the great passion of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to win souls that I write this chapter. Life is not ordinary. It is a gift from God, and within it lies the power of decision. Every day, we are confronted with choices that carry eternal weight, and these choices provoke a response from the God who created us. Man is not a robot without a will; God, in His infinite wisdom, has given us the freedom to choose the path we walk. Yet, though we choose, God responds. His word has already gone forth as the guiding light of our lives, and when we yield to it, His answer is favorable. But when we neglect it or rebel against it, His response comes in the form of correction, consequences, or silence.

Many cry out in prayer, waiting for answers, and they declare boldly that they believe in God's word. Some even apply spiritual principles with zeal. Yet, in all their fervency, they miss the critical truth that it is not prayer alone, nor confession alone, that secures God's response. It is the decisions we make, the actions we take, and the lives we live in light of His word that shape the way God answers us. Our prayers cannot cancel the choices we have made outside His will. Our confessions cannot erase the seeds we have sown in disobedience. God answers according to His word, and His word does not bend to our convenience.

This chapter is a burden born out of the passion for truth and the salvation of souls. It is to open the eyes of many who labor and struggle, yet fail to discern the root of their struggles. It is to awaken the careless heart that believes life can be lived without consequences. Above all, it is to remind us that the God who answers is faithful, just, and consistent. His responses are not random; they are the reflections of our decisions measured against His eternal word.

Life is full of struggles, but not all struggles are born out of divine trials or satanic attacks. Many of them are the direct result of human decisions. Countless Christians labor day and night, praying, fasting, and seeking breakthroughs, yet they remain in chains. They weep for open doors but are unable to discern that the same hands they lifted in prayer are the hands that planted seeds of disobedience yesterday. The truth is simple but often ignored: our decisions provoke God's responses. If our actions are wrong, His answers cannot be right.

It is a painful reality that many believers refuse to accept. Instead of examining their ways, they shift the blame to God. They accuse Him of silence. They question why others prosper while they remain stuck. They forget that God is not unjust; He responds to everyone according to His word. His response to us is not based on sentiment but on righteousness. When a man lives carelessly, no amount of tears can bribe heaven into answering positively.

Take Cain and Abel, for instance. Both of them labored in the field. Both brought offerings before the Lord. But God accepted Abel's offering and rejected Cain's. Cain could not understand why, and his heart was filled with envy. Instead of examining his own heart and decisions, he turned his anger against his brother. The Lord, in His mercy, even warned Cain: "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?" (Genesis 4:7). But Cain refused to listen, and his decision to kill his brother brought an irreversible response from God. He was cursed from the very ground he once tilled. His labor became fruitless. This was not because God hated him, but because his decisions provoked a divine response that carried judgment.

This same pattern plays out in the lives of many today. They labor, they give, they serve, but sin lies at the door of their hearts. They cry out for blessings, but God responds according to the hidden motives within them. And when heaven does not answer the way they expect, they grow bitter. Yet God is consistent: His answer is shaped by the decision of man.

Look at David, a man after God's own heart, anointed and chosen. Yet even David was not spared from the consequences of his decisions. When he sinned with Bathsheba and arranged for the death of Uriah, God did not overlook it because of his anointing. Nathan the prophet was sent to confront him, and though David repented, the child born of that union died. The sword did not depart from his house. Here again, we see the principle: God's response was tied directly to David's actions. Anointing cannot cover sin when sin is left unrepented.

Consider Israel under Joshua. God had promised them victory, and they had seen His mighty hand at work. Yet when Achan secretly took the accursed thing, Israel was struck down in battle. Joshua fell on his face, crying to God, but the Lord's response was clear: "Israel hath sinned." Until the sin was judged and Achan removed, victory could not return. This shows us that even when promises have been spoken, the decisions of men can determine whether those promises manifest or remain delayed.

So many believers are in this same cycle today. They pray for breakthrough but walk in compromise. They ask for healing while harboring bitterness. They cry for promotion while cheating in secret. Then, when answers delay, they question the faithfulness of God. But the truth is unchanging: every struggle has a root, and often, that root is found in the decisions we have made.

Weaknesses also play a role. Many Christians are overtaken by weaknesses that they refuse to confront. A weakness ignored today becomes a chain tomorrow. That chain then determines the way God responds. Samson is a vivid example. He was chosen and empowered, but his weakness for women led him to destruction. Though God used him in moments of mercy, his final days were marked by blindness and bondage. He died with his enemies because his decisions provoked such a response.

Beloved, we must wake up to this reality. God is not mocked. Whatever a man sows, that shall he also reap (Galatians 6:7). Struggles are not always mysterious. Sometimes, they are simply God's answer to the seeds we have planted in disobedience. Prayer is not a substitute for wisdom. Fasting is not an eraser of foolishness. Confession does not delete consequences. Only obedience aligns us with God's favorable response.

If we truly desire to see blessings, peace, and divine intervention, then we must look beyond empty rituals and confront the root of our struggles. We must ask ourselves hard questions: What decisions have I made that provoked this answer? What choices have I sown that are now producing this harvest? Until these roots are dealt with, struggles will persist, and heaven's response will remain the same.

One of the greatest challenges of life is that many people misbehave ignorantly, not realizing the weight of their decisions. To them, actions appear small, temporary, or easily forgotten. But in God's sight, no decision is without consequence. Every choice we make becomes a seed, and every seed has a harvest. The tragedy is that most people only wake up to the seriousness of their actions when the harvest begins to speak.

Misbehavior does not always come because someone is deliberately rebellious. Many times, it springs from ignorance. People are shaped by the environment they find themselves in, by the companions they keep, and by the pressures that surround them. Wrong friends can plant wrong values. A corrupt environment can nurture laziness, pride, or compromise. Ignorance of God's Word can make a person call good what God calls evil. But whether ignorance, pressure, or deliberate rebellion is at play, the end is the same. God responds to every action.

In my book *Running a Race Without Wisdom*, I emphasized that speed is not the measure of success in life. A person can run fast and yet be running in the wrong direction. When wrong choices are made, especially in ignorance, the cost can be destiny itself. And when destiny is tampered with, God's response comes. Not as blessing, but as correction, delay, or even painful discipline. Divine response always reflects the seeds we sow.

Life itself is divided into seasons: the morning, the afternoon, and the night. These are not just stages of age, but seasons of opportunity and responsibility. The morning season represents beginnings. It is the fresh grace, open doors, and foundations God grants a person. The afternoon season represents stewardship, when the decisions of the morning begin to manifest in results. The night season represents the harvest, when the full weight of one's choices comes to rest.

If the morning is misused, the afternoon becomes a struggle. If the afternoon is wasted, the night becomes heavy with regret. There are times when God, in His mercy, answers in the morning and afternoon, giving space for change, correction, and restoration. But if a person abuses that mercy and still refuses to walk in wisdom, then when the night comes, heaven may remain silent. The grace of the morning and afternoon cannot be carried forward into the night if it was despised.

This is the sobering reality: God's mercy is real, but it must not be abused. His responses are consistent with His holiness and justice. He gives men and women grace in the morning and afternoon, but if that grace is squandered, His response in the night may be silence. Therefore, do not live ignorantly, carried away by companions, environments, or pressure. Do not run without wisdom. Do not assume tomorrow will always give you another chance. God responds to every choice, and His response is shaped by our obedience or disobedience.

If you sow discipline, faith, and godly choices in your morning and afternoon, you will reap peace and joy in your night. But if you sow carelessness, rebellion, and disregard for His Word, then His response will be the weight of consequences. Regret that no excuse can erase.

There was a time in ministry when few could understand life from the perspective God had revealed to me. I had grasped the principle of The Divine Response to Human Decisions, and I knew that every choice I made carried weight. Every action would provoke a response from God. During those seasons, God was dealing with me directly in response to my decisions, and I thank Him that I never failed Him. Yet, people around me could not comprehend my path. Even those closest to me abandoned me, not because I was unfaithful, but because they could not see through the fire God was using to mold me.

A time came when the Lord called me into full-time ministry. It was not easy, but I had no choice but to submit. By His grace, I made a decision that I knew would not cost me regret

in the future. My mother runs a school, and I could have chosen to teach and earn a living comfortably, but I felt the call to ministry. Some questioned my choice, asking, "Why not teach in your mother's school? Why choose this path of suffering? Do you even know what you are doing?" I laughed quietly, for I understood The Divine Response to Human Decisions. I did not argue, because some things cannot be explained to those who do not see God's perspective.

The truth is simple: as the Bible says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). Many of us invite suffering upon ourselves by ignoring God's guidance. Had I followed the advice of people around me, I would have stepped outside my destiny and lost my identity. Every calling is unique, and one cannot function in a place God has not assigned. My mother is a teacher by calling, passionate about education, and that is where she thrives. Anything that pulls her from her purpose would lead to failure. Likewise, I have a strong background in engineering and science, but that is not my calling. My purpose is ministry.

I refused to listen to the voices of men and chose a path that would positively shape my future. I often remind myself: what excuse would I give God if I wasted the life He has entrusted to me? Great men of God did not have two heads; they succeeded by remaining in their calling, enduring challenges, and trusting God's timing. Every calling comes with trials, but patience, persistence, and obedience secure relevance and impact.

If I had misused the time and opportunities God gave me, I would not have been relevant in His sight. And you would not be reading this book to glean understanding about His ways. Decisions are powerful, and they must be made carefully according to the Lord's will. I could not act on my own impulse; I had to wait for God's guidance. There was a time when the Lord told me simply: stay. No evangelism, no outreach, no connecting with other ministries or mentors. Just stay in prayer and wait for His appointed time.

For five to six years, there was no visible evidence of growth in my ministry. People questioned: "Is God with this man? Why hasn't the church grown? He needs a spiritual father." I could not blame them; everyone naturally wants to see tangible results. To be honest, I did not always understand what the Lord was doing either. Yet, I knew that obedience was more important than immediate evidence.

There was a moment I was tempted to force evangelism, to take matters into my own hands. When I sought the Lord, He reminded me: "Anything you see, you shall take it." I felt down at times, but I had no choice but to obey. Many left me because they could not see growth, but my concern was God's will. I could have made decisions to act independently, but I refused to bear the consequences of disobedience. I chose patience, trusting that God's process, though unseen, was perfect. And when the time came, my ministry extended among regions. Those who had abandoned me never knew the divine work unfolding.

Another experience reinforced the principle of God's response. Early in ministry, I often visited people, socialized, and listened to their gossip, thinking I could influence them positively. One day, the Lord spoke clearly: "As a servant, you should not immerse yourself in their world of gossip and frivolity. Your presence is for My purpose, not entertainment or false influence." I had excused myself, saying that staying close to them was necessary for connection. Because of that disobedience, the enemy was allowed to attack my ministry, turning some people against me. The lesson was clear: God's response to wrong choices is correction, even if it comes through hardship. From that day onward, I became preserved as a

servant. People saw only what seemed like failure, but it was God's discipline. A divine response to a wrong decision.

Marriage provided yet another illustration of this principle. I waited seven years, praying carefully for divine guidance, knowing that marriage is an everlasting covenant capable of shaping destiny. When God revealed the woman I was to marry (a Muslim convert whom I had long guided in ministry), I obeyed fully. I never acted prematurely or allowed impulse to dictate my choice. Had I pursued a relationship outside God's will, my ministry and destiny would have been compromised. The silent wedding was a test, but obedience brought peace, alignment, and fulfillment of purpose. God's response rewarded patience, protecting my anointing and ensuring that my destiny was secure.

Finally, there were moments when God called me to release people from my life to advance my purpose. I longed for global ministry, higher education, and wider influence. God separated some individuals to prevent hindrance and to guide me toward what He had ordained. I did not resist, nor did I try to bring them back. If I had, my purpose would have been aborted. God's response to my decision to trust Him brought fruit beyond what I could have imagined.

Through all these experiences, I learned that God's responses are consistent: obedience brings preservation, alignment, and peace; disobedience brings discipline, delay, and correction. Decisions determine destiny. Losing people, facing delays, enduring hardship: all were temporary when measured against the permanence of God's response to faithfulness.

Many people measure success by what the world can see. Wealth, titles, popularity, and influence. They chase after these markers, believing that achieving them is proof of God's blessing. They think that applause, recognition, or material gain equates to favor from above. Yet, the truth is often hidden: worldly success can be a trap, a mirage that diverts attention from the paths God has ordained.

True divine alignment is rarely applauded by human eyes. It is a life lived in obedience to God, a commitment to His timing, and a willingness to walk through seasons that may appear slow, uncomfortable, or even fruitless. Alignment with God provokes His responses. Peace, guidance, protection, and ultimately the fulfillment of destiny. These blessings are often invisible to the casual observer but are lasting and unshakeable.

Misplaced priorities, however, are never sustainable. When people pursue what is easy, popular, or immediately rewarding, they risk sowing seeds that produce only temporary satisfaction. Investments in shortcuts, compromises, or decisions outside God's will may flourish at first, but they eventually collapse under the weight of consequences. The principle is clear: God responds to every sowing. Negative or misaligned choices bring correction, delay, or loss. Positive and aligned decisions bring preservation, growth, and destiny fulfillment.

Consider the emptiness of worldly success compared with the joy of divine alignment. Wealth without wisdom can vanish overnight. Popularity without character can fade when circumstances change. Even achievements can feel hollow if they come at the expense of integrity or obedience. In contrast, a life aligned with God's will carries peace that surpasses understanding, joy that is not dependent on applause, and security that cannot be stolen. Destiny is preserved, and anointing remains intact, even when the world does not recognize it.

The key lesson is this: worldly measures are temporary; God's response to alignment is eternal. Choosing divine alignment over immediate recognition, material gain, or human approval is not always easy, but it is necessary. Those who endure, who sow faithfully according to God's instructions, will find that what seems delayed or hidden is in fact being carefully orchestrated. The satisfaction of walking in God's purpose surpasses all fleeting worldly success.

Let this principle guide every decision: do not chase applause. Do not pursue what glitters without discerning God's call. Invest in alignment, faithfulness, and obedience. Your choices provoke divine responses. Responses that either build your destiny or bring lessons through hardship. The joy of fulfilled purpose far outweighs the emptiness of temporary success, and the security of divine favor cannot be taken away by the storms of life.

If there is one truth that ties all of life's decisions together, it is this: God's responses are not arbitrary. Every answer, every consequence, every blessing or correction is a response to the choices we make. Walking in divine alignment is not optional for the believer who desires God's favorable response. It begins with a firm foundation in God's Word. The Scripture is the ultimate guide, the lens through which every decision must be viewed. Without it, choices are made in ignorance and risk invoking consequences that could have been avoided.

Divine alignment ensures that God's responses bring preservation, favor, and fulfillment of destiny rather than delay, correction, or loss. Alignment is not about speed or shortcuts; it is about synchronization with God's will. The believer who prioritizes alignment over temporary success demonstrates faith, understanding, and obedience. Qualities that provoke God's responses in the most perfect timing.

Practical steps for walking in divine alignment begin with yielding to the Holy Spirit. The Spirit illuminates the path, provides discernment, and guards against decisions based on impulse, fear, or the applause of men. Learning to listen and obey the Spirit's promptings ensures that each choice triggers a divine response that protects destiny and cultivates spiritual growth.

Next, value the process more than immediate results. God's work often unfolds in seasons, and rushing it can bring consequences rather than blessings. Like a farmer waiting for the harvest, the believer must respect the timeline God has ordained. Patience and faithfulness in the process are vital; shortcuts and impatience often provoke God's corrective responses.

Accept divine delays as part of God's preparation. What may appear as stagnation or waiting is often a period of refinement, training, or protection. Every delay is a test of obedience, endurance, and faith. Those who understand this principle learn to trust God's timing instead of forcing outcomes that could derail their destiny.

Keep eternity in focus, not temporary achievements. The world measures success by wealth, recognition, and influence. God measures it by alignment, obedience, and the lasting impact of decisions on destiny and the Kingdom. Eternal perspective guards against the temptation to compromise principles for short-term gain.

Beloved, hope is not lost in delays or challenges. God's responses are always aimed at drawing us closer to His perfect will. Decisions made in alignment with Him, even in unseen

or difficult seasons, produce a harvest of preservation, peace, and anointing that cannot be taken. Walking in divine alignment is a choice, a daily commitment, and the path that secures God's favor and the fulfillment of purpose. As you understand this truth, may the Lord grant you the grace to make decisions that provoke His favor and not His correction. May your choices align with His Word, and may His divine response to your life always be preservation, peace, and the fulfillment of purpose.