What Do You Do When God Says "Nothing"

Introduction: **2 Samuel 6** the ark is brought into Jerusalem. **Chapter 7** starts off with David wanting to build a house for the Lord, **v 1-9**. It seemed like such a good idea that Nathan, the prophet, said go ahead. But he learned that God did not approve. In fact, God did not want David to build the temple, if He had, He would of said so.

**I) Simple Principles**

**A) Man does not think like God, Isaiah 55.8-9**

**B) Man cannot read God's mind, 1 Corinthians 2.11-13**

**C) Preachers can be wrong, Matthew 7.15**

**II) When God says nothing, "He means no"**

**A.** **When God wants something done He says so**.

1. Ex. time to build the temple, **Haggai 3-9, 2**

2. David wanting to build the temple, **1 Chronicles 17.1, 3-6**

3. What was the difference? God said nothing to David about building the temple.

a. Reason given in **1 Chronicles 22.7-8**

b. In building the sanctuary God gave instructions for a reason, **Exodus 25.9, 40 ; 26.30; 27.8; 31.11; 39. 42-43**

**B) Man is not to go beyond the word of God**

1. Balaam thought he understood this principle, **Numbers 22.18**

2. Paul pleaded with the brethren to go by this principle,**1 Corinthians 4.6**

**C) Man is not to try and change God's word**

1. Do not add to or take from the word, **Deut. 4.2.**

2. Do not turn to the right or to the left, **Deut. 5.32**

**D) Stressed in many passages in the New Testament**

1. A different gospel, **Galatians 1.8-9**

2. Different doctrines, **1 Timothy 1.3-4**

3. Speak the oracles of God, **1 Peter 4.11**

4. Those who go to far, **2 John 9-11**

**III) We Have Two Choices**

**A) Respect for God's word**

1. Do what God says according to the pattern

2. Don't teach the commandments of men

3. Hold firm to the doctrine of the Apostles

4. Speaks as the oracles of God

**B) Disrespect God's word**

1. Deviate from the pattern

2. Teach as doctrine the commandments of men

3. Go beyond the doctrine of the Apostles

4. Not speak the oracles of God

**C) The results of (B)**

1. One will be rebuked by God, **Proverbs 30.5-6**

2. Will be accursed

3. Is proud and knows nothing

4. Does not have God, **Rev. 22.18-19**

Conclusion: The fact is God has revealed everything that pertains to life and godliness, **2 Peter 1.3.** There is enough for us to do without changing or adding to it. When God says "nothing" the faithful do what God says and nothing more.