

What's Wrong With Saying Please?

Originally “please” was an entreaty to a person to do something for you. It wasn't a politeness within itself – i.e. within the word itself. By that I mean, it was a way of asking for something, but only if that the person was happy to do it for you.

It was originally expressed as "If it pleases you". Note that the person asking, didn't want it unless the giver was perfectly content to do so. The focus in this case was on the the other person, which actually made the process of asking a selfless activity.

Today “please” is a pressure statement. In other words, the idea is that if I say “please”, then you have to give it to me. See the difference. That's a self-centred request, which is diametrically opposite to its origin.

How did we get to this place. My opinion is that it was morphed by well-meaning Christians. The focus in the past was moved from pleasing the giver (selfless) to being polite and honouring the right or authority of the giver to supply (a non-self focus).

However, it changed over time (I'd say in the 20th and 21st centuries) to become a form of compliance where children submitted to parents and teachers. This transformation was a biblical move, but it has ended up being a non-Kingdom action and one that's now self-focused because the child puts pressure on the giver – they must supply if “please” is spoken.

Saying “please” was changed as Judeo-Christian values became secular, just like Christmas has been hijacked by society, while still accommodating the celebration.¹ Both are now secular and selfish entities.

Saying “please” is not a Kingdom action, so children and adults should not use it as ‘the magic word’. Instead, to align our request with the Kingdom, we need to request something with the right heart attitude and not submit to the pressure to say please. Our humility, gratitude and honouring should be obvious to those we are dealing with.

Additionally, parents who are sons should not teach their children to say “please” as ‘the magic word’. They need to be trained to make requests in a Kingdom way which they will need to work through with Father.



IMPORTANT: In a similar way we're going to have to change the way we discipline and punish our children. We must work out of a New Covenant mindset, not an Old Covenant one, which is the one our society's punitive legal system is based on. More importantly, if we're Father's representatives as his sons on the Earth, we need to change all our behaviours to operate like him. Then we'll be able to say like Jesus of Nazareth did, “You see me, you see Father. We're the same.”

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¹ – Roman Catholics actually hijacked a pagan festival and turned it into a Christian celebration. They did it with Easter as well. In that case, they hijacked a pagan festival and continued to label it with the pagan goddess Ishtar - hence Easter. This mother goddess was also known as Venus, Inanna, Astarte and Ashteroth, in other ancient cultures.