

## ENOUGH WITH THANKING GOD FOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN SPORTS

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After watching the fight that was supposed to “bring boxing back”, who would have thought that the most entertaining thing (in my opinion) would have come after the fight when Larry Merchant interviewed Floyd Mayweather, Jr.? The usually arrogant Mayweather quickly thanked God. “I would like to thank God I am so blessed.” What was he thanking God for and why was he so blessed? Was it for his victory over Oscar, or was he thanking God for his boxing skills? Moments later, Mayweather said, “Again, I would like to thank God. He makes no mistakes.” I almost fell out of my seat! In my opinion, not only did I feel that Mayweather’s comments were foolish, but also arrogant. Isn’t God the creator of everything? If so, and Mr. Mayweather allegedly claims that “God doesn’t make any mistakes”, then how the hell (no pun intended) can you explain why there is so much wrong in the world! If God makes no mistakes, why did the V-Tech shooting happen? Why are all of these wars started over His name? Why was George W. allowed to be re-elected? I guess these aren’t real mistakes.

I guess what Mayweather meant was that God made no mistakes when blessing him with the talent to be an excellent boxer. If God has allowed him to win every bout he has fought and blessed him with being the best “pound for pound” boxer today, doesn’t that mean that God has cheated for Mayweather? According to Mayweather, he has been “blessed” with great talent and God is the reason for his success. My interpretations from these comments made by Mayweather are that God has played favoritism since he has made him superior to his opponent. Why on Earth would God care about who wins a boxing match or who is the best fighter? Aren’t there more important things God should be worried about? Way to go, Maywether, in adding to boastful comments made by athletes for their success!!!! A little piece of advice for Mr. Mayweather...stick to boxing and leave the public speaking thing alone!!!!

I am not just picking on Mayweather. Athletes praise God all the time for their success. I am tired of these athletes saying “God is the reason for me winning”, or “thank you, Jesus, because without you I couldn’t have done this.” That is so redundant and arrogant. In my opinion, God doesn’t affect the outcome of a sporting event? If that was the case, don’t you think it would be a form of cheating and even one better...favoritism? If these athletes were correct about their beliefs, then what is to be said about the same athletes who compete against each other, who believe in the same God, when they lose? I guess God wasn’t rooting for them that day. Case in point: Zach Johnson. After winning the 2007 Master’s championship, he cited quickly that Jesus, his Almighty God, was the reason for his performance. He said, “I felt like there was certainly another power that was walking with me and guiding me,” and “being Easter, my faith is very important to me. I felt Jesus. I felt my grandfather, my family, everybody. So it was awesome”. Why

was God only guiding you? None of the other golfers believe in God? According to Zach, if there was another power leading him to the top, what is to be said about the other golfers? Why wasn't God in their corner? Am I wrong to assume that God didn't pick them to win that day? There are millions of beliefs, but I just think we need to leave God out of sports. After all, if God does exist, does He really care who wins?