

Does God Hear Me?

I. The Power of Prayer!

A. Proof in Scripture

1. Matthew 7 : 7 - 8 "(v.7) Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: (v.8) For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."
2. Hebrews 4 : 16 "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."
3. James 5 : 16 "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."
4. Romans 8 : 26 "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

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B. Proof in Examples

1. Psalms 118 : 5 "I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place."
2. Jonah 2 : 1 - 2 "(v.1)Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly, (v.2) And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice."
3. James 5 : 17 - 18 "(v. 17) Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. (v. 18) And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit."
4. 1 Kings 3 : 9 - 13

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II. Does God Always Listen?

- A. Deuteronomy 1 : 45 "And ye returned and wept before the LORD; but the LORD would not hearken to your voice, nor give ear unto you."
- B. Deuteronomy 3 : 26 "But the LORD was wroth with me for your sakes, and would not hear me: and the LORD said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter."
- C. Lamentations 3 : 8 & 44 "(v.8) Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer." "(v.44)Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that our prayer should not pass through."

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1. Why Not?

- a) Job 35 : 12 - 13 "(v. 12) There they cry, but none giveth answer, because of the pride of evil men. (v.13) Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it."
- b) Psalms 66 : 18 "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:"
- c) Proverbs 28 : 9 "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination."

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III. When Does God Listen?

- A. John 9 : 31 "...if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth."
- B. James 1 : 6 - 7 "(v.6) But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. (v.7) For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord."
- C. 1 Peter 3 : 7 "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

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IV. Conclusion

- A. PRAYER IS POWERFUL!
- B. PRAYERS CAN BE HINDERED BY OUR DOINGS!
- C. IT IS ALL ABOUT WHAT IS INSIDE THE HEART!!