

THE PRAYERS THAT ARE ALWAYS ANSWERED

PART 3

HEZEKIAHS PRAYER WAS ANSWERED

Isaiah 38:5 KJVS

Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer,

SOLOMONS PRAYER WAS ANSWERED

2 Chronicles 7:12 KJVS

And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer,

JESUS ALWAYS PRAYED

Luke 5:15–16 NLT

But despite Jesus' instructions, the report of his power spread even faster, and vast crowds came to hear him preach and to be healed of their diseases. [16] But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.

HIS PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS ANSWERED

John 11:41–42 KJVS

Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. [42] And I knew that thou hearest me always:

QUESTION: HOW CAN WE BE SURE GOD ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS?

GOD WILL ANSWER OUR PRAYERS

Psalm 65:2,5 NLT

for you answer our prayers. All of us must come to you. [5] You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds, O God our savior. You are the hope of everyone on earth...

PRESCRIPTION FOR GOD ANSWERING OUR PRAYERS

A. MUST KNOW WHO YOU ARE PRAYING TO

Genesis 4:26 KJVS

then began men to call upon the name of the LORD

Matthew 6:9 NLT

Pray like this: OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, MAY YOUR NAME BE KEPT HOLY.

WE PRAY TO GOD IN HEAVEN (NOT TO JESUS, ANGELS OR MEN)

John 16:23–24 NLT

At that time you won't need to ask me for anything. I tell you the truth, you will ask the Father directly, and he will grant your request because you use my name. [24] You haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.

WE PRAY TO THE ALMIGHTY GOD WHO CREATED ALL THINGS VISIBLE & INVISIBLE

Psalm 33:6–9,12 ERV

The LORD spoke the command, and the world was made. The breath from his mouth created everything in the heavens. [7] He gathered together the water of the sea. He put the ocean in its place. [8] Everyone on earth should fear and respect the LORD. All the people in the world should fear him, [9] because when he speaks, things happen. And if he says, "Stop!"—then it stops. [12] Great blessings belong to those who have the LORD as their God! He chose them to be his own special people.

GOD CREATED EVERYTHING WITH HIS WORD. JESUS IS GOD'S WORD MADE FLESH

(HUMANITY)

Colossians 1:15–17 ERV

No one can see God, but the Son is exactly like God. He rules over everything that has been made. [16] Through his power all things were made: things in heaven and on earth, seen and not seen– all spiritual rulers, lords, powers, and authorities. Everything was made through him and for him. [17] The Son was there before anything was made. And all things continue because of him.

APOSTLE PAUL DESCRIBES OUR GOD

1 Timothy 1:17 NIV

Now to the King eternal (NO BEGINNING & NO ENDING), immortal (NOT LIMITED BY HUMAN PHYSICAL FEATURES) invisible (CAN'T PHYSICALLY SEE HIM BECAUSE HE IS A SPIRIT), the ONLY GOD (NO OTHER REAL GOD , be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE CHURCH PRAYED TO GOD FOR THE DELIVERANCE OF PETER

Acts 12:5 AMP

So Peter was kept in prison, but fervent and persistent prayer for him was being made to God by the church.

QUESTION: WHO IS THE GOD WE WORSHIP & PRAY TO (HIS NATURE, CHARACTER, WAYS)

IN THE OLD COVENANT GOD REVEALED HIMSELF THROUGH HIS NAMES

NOTE: A PERSON'S NAME SPEAKS OF WHO THEY ARE

Proverbs 22:1 AMP

A good name [earned by honorable behavior, godly wisdom, moral courage, and personal integrity] is more desirable than great riches; And favor is better than silver and gold.

JESUS SAID REVERENCE GOD'S NAME

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GOD TELLS US WHO HE IS IN THE WORD (THIS IS THE GOD WE PRAY TO):

El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty)

El Elyon (The Most High God)

Adonai (Lord, Master)

Yahweh (Lord, Jehovah)

Jehovah Nissi (The Lord My Banner)

Jehovah-Raah (The Lord My Shepherd)

Jehovah Rapha (The Lord That Heals)

Jehovah Shammah (The Lord Is There)

Jehovah Tsidkenu (The Lord Our Righteousness)

Jehovah Mekoddishkem (The Lord Who Sanctifies You)

El Olam (The Everlasting God)

Elohim (God)

Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Will Provide)

Jehovah Shalom (The Lord Is Peace)

Jehovah Sabaoth (The Lord of Hosts)

JESUS REVEALS GOD IN 3 MAJOR WAYS

1. AS OUR FATHER

Matthew 6:9 MEV – “Therefore pray in this manner:

OUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN

WE ARE BORN INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS RESTORED. WE ARE HIS CHILDREN. WE COMMUNICATE WITH GOD AS CHILDREN TALKING TO THEIR FATHER

Romans 8:15–16 GNT

For the Spirit that God has given you does not make you slaves and cause you to be afraid; instead, the Spirit makes you God's children, and by the Spirit's power we cry out to God, "Father! my Father!" [16] God's Spirit joins himself to our spirits to declare that we are God's children.

AS CHILDREN WE CAN ASK GOD WITH CONFIDENCE HE WILL GIVE US OUR REQUEST

Matthew 7:11 NLT

So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.

WE CAN COME HAVE CONFIDENCE WHEN WE PRAY BECAUSE WE ARE FORGIVEN FROM OUR PAST SINS. WE ARE A NEW CREATION

Hebrews 4:16 NLT

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

POWER POINT: PRAY AS A SON/ DAUGHTER NOT AS A SINNER.

2. GOD IS A SPIRIT

John 4:24 GNT

God is Spirit, and only by the power of his Spirit can people worship him as he really is."

3. GOD IS LOVE

John 3:16 GNT

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.

1 John 4:16 GNT

And we ourselves know and believe the love which God has for us. God is love, and those who live in love live in union with God and God lives in union with them.

Power Point: LOVE MUST FLOOD OUR HEART TO BE EFFECTIVE IN PRAYER. LOVE FOR GOD & LOVE FOR PEOPLE.

B. WE MUST PRAY GOD'S WILL

JESUS INSTRUCTS US TO PRAY GOD'S WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

Matthew 6:10 KJVS

... Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

GOD'S WILL IS BEING DONE IN HEAVEN. FOR HIS WILL TO BE DONE ON EARTH WE MUST PRAY.

OUR PRAYERS BIND THE EVIL FORCES AND RELEASE THE POWER OF HOLY SPIRIT & MINISTERING ANGELS TO WORK.

OUR PEACE IS CONNECTED TO US PRAYING

1 Timothy 2:1-2,4 NLT

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. [2] Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and

dignity. [4] who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

LACK OF PRAYER LACK OF PEACE (HOME, WORK PLACE, COMMUNITY , CHURCH ETC.)

WE CAN BE ABSOLUTELY SURE GOD HEARS & ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS WHEN WE PRAY HIS WILL

1 John 5:14–15 KJV

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: [15] And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

1 John 5:14–15 GNT

We have courage in God's presence, because we are sure that he hears us if we ask him for anything that is according to his will. [15] He hears us whenever we ask him; and since we know this is true, we know also that he gives us what we ask from him.

- THE PROMISE– GOD HEAR US AND WILL ANSWER US
- THE CONDITION– WE MUST PRAY HIS WILL.

GOD DOESN'T ANSWER ALL PRAYERS BUT ONLY THE PRAYERS THAT ARE PRAYED IN AGREEMENT WITH HIS WILL.

4 THINGS THAT HINDER OUR PRAYERS

1. REJECTING GOD'S WORD

Proverbs 28:9 NIV

If anyone turns a deaf ear to my instruction, even their prayers are detestable.

2. SELFISHNESS

James 4:1–3 CEV

Why do you fight and argue with each other? Isn't it because you are full of selfish desires that fight to control your body? [2] You want something you don't have, and you will do anything to get it. You will even kill! But you still cannot get what you

want, and you won't get it by fighting and arguing. You should pray for it. [3] Yet even when you do pray, your prayers are not answered, because you pray just for selfish reasons.

3. RELATIONSHIPS

1 Peter 3:7 CEV

If you are a husband, you should be thoughtful of your wife. Treat her with honor, because she isn't as strong as you are, and she shares with you in the gift of life. Then nothing will stand in the way of your prayers.

James 3:16 NIV

For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

4. LIFESTYLE

Psalms 66:17–20 TLB

For I cried to him for help with praises ready on my tongue. [18] He would not have listened if I had not confessed my sins. [19] But he listened! He heard my prayer! He paid attention to it! [20] Blessed be God, who didn't turn away when I was praying and didn't refuse me his kindness and love.

POWER POINT– IF GOD INSTRUCTS US TO PRAY HIS WILL OBVIOUSLY HE WILL REVEAL HIS WILL TO US.

WE CAN'T OBEY OR DISOBEY UNLESS WE HAVE RECEIVED AN INSTRUCTION

WE MUST KNOW HIS WILL TO PRAY HIS WILL

THE #1 WAY GOD REVEALS HIS WILL TO US IN HIS WORD

Hebrews 1:1–2 NLT

Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. [2] And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son...