



Does God Answer Every Prayer?

You Asked For It! - Part 6

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Big Idea: God hears, God cares, and God answers every time – just make sure you’re listening for all the ways He may answer.

Text: Selected Scriptures

I. GOD ANSWERS EVERY PRAYER.

1. God _____.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God ... he hears us. – 1 John 5:14a & c

2. God _____.

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about what happens to you. – 1 Peter 5:7 {NLT}

3. God _____ your prayers.

“Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.” – Jeremiah 33:3

II. WAYS GOD MAY ANSWER PRAYER.

A. _____.

The mother of the Zebedee brothers came [James and John] with her two sons and knelt before Jesus with a request. “What do you want?” Jesus asked. She said, “Give your word that these two sons of mine will be awarded the highest places of honor in your kingdom, one at your right hand, one at your left hand.” Jesus responded, “You have no idea what you’re asking.” – Matthew 20:20-22a {MSG}

And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” – Luke 9:52-54

Jesus turned on them: "Of course not!" – Luke 9:55 {MSG}

B. _____.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." – Isaiah 55:8-9

C. _____.

PRAYER BUSTERS:

1. _____.

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that **he will not hear.** – Isaiah 59:2

I cried out to him with my mouth ... If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer. – Psalm 66:17a, 18-19

If anyone turns a deaf ear to the law, even his prayers are detestable. – Proverbs 28:9

When you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide my eyes from you; even if you offer many prayers, I will not listen wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! – Isaiah 1:15a, 16, 17a

2. _____.

"If you enter your place of worship and, about to make an offering, you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come back and work things out with God." – Matthew 5:23b-24 {MSG}

3. _____.

When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. – James 4:3

D. _____!