

Excerpt: Why Prayers Aren't Answered  
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## CHAPTER ONE

### THE KINGDOM

The most sought after answer for the number one question asked among Christians today is why are prayers not always answered? Why is it when we pray and sometimes even gather prayer warriors to assist, there remains no answer from God? There is nothing wrong in many people praying for the same cause; however, one fervent prayer availeth much. *The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.* James 5:16 The answer is not in the masses, but the methodology of our prayer. So why isn't even the one fervent prayer rendering a response from our heavenly Father? The answer is in how we pray. Are we praying the way God instructed us to approach Him in His Kingdom? If we are praying with our carnal efforts and not with our spirit through the Holy Spirit, then unfortunately, our prayers are not reaching God. Of course, He knows of our pleas before we speak them; however, if we are amiss in understanding His instructions on how to enter into His Kingdom and approach Him on His throne, then we rightfully should not expect an answer. Thus, in that time of desperation when you've waited for God's intervention and eventually succumb to ask, "Where is God?", it would be appropriate to look inward for self evaluation. God is where He always is, on His throne waiting for you.

For example, you are not going to obtain a private meeting with the judge in a case you are pleading in court. You will need a spokesperson to speak on your behalf and typically this is an attorney, someone acceptable to the courtroom who understands the rules and regulations that govern how you may present your case. The same holds true in the Kingdom. You can only enter into the spiritual Kingdom of God through a spirit mediator who stands before God and lets your request be known. Just as a judge knows the details of the case before it is presented in his courtroom,

so does our King know of the reasons you come before Him in prayer. Therefore, your prayers must be submitted through the means that God established. Our carnal attempt and on Christ's name does not release a response. Here is where it is imperative to understand the Trinity of God and the reason and role each deity has in your life. If you do not have clarity on how God set forth His Kingdom to enter within, then you are without answers to prayers. There is a purpose for Christ and a purpose for the Holy Spirit; both being God. It is mandatory to know what each provides for man.

When we seek God in prayer and there is no response, we automatically take the mindset that God decided He isn't going to help us. For reasons we cannot fathom, He chooses to not respond to our plea and provide a resolution. This is far from the truth. The reality is that we do not have the truth, though we may think we do. When we have cried out to our Father and it appears He isn't listening, we lapse into a human moment allowing our emotions to rule our head and heart and do what is instinctive to our nature, we blame God. Because we don't understand, we gravitate to needing a reason for our failed communications with Him, and we put the responsibility on our heavenly Father rather than ourselves. After all, there are only two parties involved: you and God. We make all kinds of excuses why it is His fault, but rarely do we consider that perhaps the error for not hearing from God is within ourselves. There is no error or mistake in perfection which is God; however, man cannot claim perfection. Therefore, it is not difficult to see where the problem lies. We should know better than to accuse the Almighty King of withholding His greatness, yet we do it anyway. Perhaps, it soothes our hurt feelings and lessens our burden for not understanding.

Instead of pointing a finger at God, we should take a deeper look within ourselves for what we may be missing in knowledge of God's Word that is preventing our receiving. Even when we believe we have done everything right, prayed the right way, believed on His Word, held our faith, and trusted He would come through but when He doesn't, we don't know why. We turn away from Him instead of searching in His Word to find what we missed. It becomes a huge mistake to blame God which only removes you from His presence, but rather you should draw closer with a heartfelt desire for His truth. God does not pull away from His children. *The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.* Nahum 1:7 We fall away with our lack of understanding. God is steadfast, for you are never forgotten or forsaken, His position never changes. God is love, and you are forever deeply loved. *He that loveth not, knoweth not God, for God is love.* 1 John 4:8 With an all encompassing agape love for you, it is impossible for God to withhold His greatness in your life.

God set forth everything man would require in his earthen lifetime at the foundation of His creation. There is nothing that will ever need to be added, changed, altered, corrected, or withheld for any reason. Knowing that God has prepared for our lives, planned our destiny, knows every hair on our head, and knows what we will come to Him in prayer before we utter the first word, then surely we are the ones amiss. This is where we must learn His Word and know exactly how to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven to approach the throne of God. *Receive my instructions, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.* Proverbs 8:10 If we haven't studied His instruction manual (Bible) and read carefully the chapter on "How to receive answered prayers," figuratively speaking, then the fault for failing the test is ours not the instructor. *Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.* Proverbs 23:12 God is telling us what we must do, educate ourselves in spiritual wisdom, that we may learn how to live within the spirit realm, His Kingdom.

God reveals Himself to man as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. God presented Himself to the Israelites as Himself at Mount Sinai when He came down in the cloud and spoke to them after removing them from bondage in Egypt. In the era that God was dealing with the Israelites, He communicated with them through His appointed people, or prophets. They did not have Christ and the Holy Spirit. It is in these past two thousand years since Christ, that we are privileged to have Christ and the Holy Spirit, for a personal relationship with God. *This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities I will remember no more.* Hebrews 10:16-17 Within every newborn child born into the Kingdom of Heaven, God lives in your heart as the Holy Spirit for the purpose of a personal communion.

One of the principles (laws) is that we must ask for anything we need of God (note: this is not referring to materialistic possessions, but receiving spirit gifts from the spirit Kingdom). He does not arbitrarily throw gifts down from Heaven to His children. As we are required to ask to be born into the spirit realm (free will), this should be our first clue that we also must ask for His promises of blessings, gifts, and supernatural power that has been established for us....*for the asking.* As a child, surely you remember your parents teaching you to say *please* when you asked for something. Likewise, our heavenly Father requires that when we ask of Him, we do so in the manner He tells us and with much thanksgiving. *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.* Philippians 5:6 As a child to a parent, there is a proper way to ask.

If we take a moment, clear our minds, and look at this from God's perspective, the answer becomes very clear. There is a methodical approach to entering into God's

Kingdom. The first thing is to understand how the Kingdom was established and the precepts (laws) that govern the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as there are laws we must abide in our earthen life such as paying taxes, stopping at red lights, and so forth, there are also laws within the Kingdom of Heaven. When we become a born-again child of the Father, we are expected to know and follow the precepts set forth by God. After all, they are meant for us. There is an orderly manner in approaching the Almighty King and not being privy to this knowledge will surely hinder our receiving heavenly treasures and answered prayers.

In God's creation, we learn there is more than one heaven and one kingdom, but for our purpose at the moment we are focusing on the Almighty throne of God, His Kingdom of Heaven which encompasses all heavens and kingdoms. In studying how God established His Kingdom for man, we should concentrate on what is required to enter before His throne. God gives provisions for His children to be able to come before Him and receive blessings, gifts, and supernatural power for our spirit person. As He expects us to live a spirit life, His treasures are given to enable us to live, spiritually, within His Kingdom. This is how our Father protects and provides for His children while we remain in the physical world.

You may be surrounded by corruption, but once cleansed from the sin nature in Christ, it requires your learning how to live differently, spiritually. *Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.* Romans 6:4 You are born into the Kingdom, the spirit realm of God and made a new creature (creation), cleansed of your unrighteousness, and prepared (made ready) to stand before your King. *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new.* 2 Corinthians 5:17 Your spirit birth is fresh, untouched of sin, like a newborn baby. This is exactly what you are to God at this very moment. A newborn baby, birthed in the Spirit of Christ, and handed over to the parent, God. Take a moment and meditate on the awesomeness of what has just transpired in Heaven; you are born into the spirit world of God. Angels in Heaven sing upon the spiritual birth of a child.

Just as the natural birth of a baby brings forth gifts from family and friends, and as the wise men brought precious gifts to the newborn King, so your heavenly Father has a gift for you, His precious newborn child. God gives of Himself to live in your heart whereby He is always with you, and as you grow from an infant into maturity in His Word, there isn't anything He will not do for you. Just as you protect and provide for your children, so much more does God love, protect, and provide for His own. The first thing God gives to you upon your spirit birth is the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, on

the authority given in Christ (all things in Heaven have been given to the Son by the Father). *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.* John 14:16-17 As the Holy Spirit was given to Christ's disciples to further His ministry, today in our spirit birth, we all receive the gift for all things of God come to us through the Holy Ghost. Though we remain with a soul in a physical body, our earnest desire is to grow our spirit and mature in our knowledge of living a spirit life for the Father.

Many fail to understand the significance of a birth into the Kingdom. We can only receive the storehouse of treasures in Heaven through the Holy Spirit on the authority in Christ. Our soul and body is not capable of achieving this, and yet, we rely on our human skills to attempt entrance into the Kingdom. *Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.* Romans 8:7-8 God gives you the key to enter His Kingdom and that key is the Holy Spirit. When you pray and a resolution is not forthcoming, it is not God withholding. It is vital to learn how to appropriately apply the spiritual key that gains you entrance. *And I will give unto you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.* Matthew 16:19 What this means is simply with your free will, you have control of your conduct, the natural versus the spirit. Within your decision to apply your free will, spiritually, you are capable of receiving the *keys of the Kingdom of Heaven to bind on earth and in heaven*, simultaneously, bringing forth into your earthen life the spiritual power for resolutions. There is a connection from heaven to earth, so that what you do in life reflects in the Kingdom, just as what you *loose* will also be witness in Heaven. If you don't do anything to secure heavenly treasures, then you are without: *loose on earth and shall be loosed in heaven*. They are lost to you. It is imperative to understand what is being taught in God's Word. Continuing to rely on your carnal nature rather than your spirit, and not accepting there are two worlds, natural and spirit, will leave you empty-handed. Carnality cannot enter into the Kingdom; only the spirit, for the Kingdom of Heaven is a spiritual world.

God hears our prayers and knows our pleas. It saddens Him deeply to see our pain, sorrow, and suffering whether emotional or physical. However, He cannot change the precepts that He set at the foundation of His creation. Laws are in place and must be followed. *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.* Romans 12:2 Everything God has done is for man, and we are

responsible for our relationship with Him. If we falter, the fault is ours, not God.

Just as God gives man a *free will* to choose between a life of sin or a sinless life through a rebirth into the spirit realm, we should use our will to live as a spirit person. *It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.* 1 Corinthians 15:44 Always maintain emphasis on your spirit person and mature in knowledge and wisdom of God's Word, so that you may live a bountiful life in the Kingdom. Consider this analogy: if you travel to a foreign country without some knowledge and ability to speak their native language, it will be difficult to convey your request for ordering a meal, making a purchase, or for any accommodations. This holds true in living a spirit life to receive blessings, gifts, and supernatural power. You must know the language which is spiritual.

Knowing God is Spirit, it can only be in the spirit that we pray through the Holy Spirit to enter and receive the magnificent gifts from the Father. Your *spirit*, through the *Holy Spirit* for the *Spirit of God* is the key to answered prayers.