

Monday God Hears Prayer

It is a great blessing for Christians to be able to come to God in prayer and know that He will hear us. The Creator and Sustainer of the universe is personal enough to hear us when we pray to Him. Several verses in the Bible tell about that fact.

1. Read Psalm 65:1-2 – David wrote this Psalm. To Whom is he speaking?
2. How did David describe God in verse 2?
3. How does that description encourage you?
4. David's description of God as the God Who hears prayer lays the foundation for our practice of prayer. It would be pointless to pray to God if He didn't hear us, but thankfully He does! On the basis of that, what will people do?
5. According to verse 2, how many people will come to God?
6. Is God willing to hear anyone's prayers?
7. This verse teaches something about God's character. It tells us about Who He is. God hears prayer. Read Malachi 3:6 and Hebrews 13:8 – What do these verses have to do with the fact that part of God's character is to hear prayer?
8. If God heard David's prayer so many thousands of years ago, do you think He will still hear you today?
9. There really is no reason why we can't pray. What keeps you from praying?

It is great to know that God hears prayer. It is never a waste of time to pray. God hears!

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It is a great blessing for Christians to be able to come to God in prayer and know that He will hear us. The creator and sustainer of the universe is personal enough to hear us when we pray to Him, but how can a human being even have the right to come before Almighty God?

1. Read Hebrews 10:19-25 – According to verse 19, what do we have?
2. What does the author mean when he talked about entering into the holiest?
3. What gives us the boldness to enter God's presence?
4. According to verse 20, coming to God through Jesus Christ was a new way of operating. It used to be that only the High Priest came to God through the veil of the temple. What is the new veil through which we can all come?
5. According to verse 21, what else do we have?
6. On the basis of the two things we have, what does verse 22 tell us to do?
7. What needs to be the condition of our heart and our body as we come to God?
8. Salvation is a prerequisite to prayer. You cannot come to God in a wrong relationship with Him. However, there is one prayer that God will hear, even if the person is not saved. What is it? Look up Romans 10:9-13 if you need help.

We can't come to God on our own merits. We don't deserve it. We come on the merits of God's Son, Jesus Christ. His broken body and shed blood and our faith in Him is what allows us the privilege of prayer. God paid a high price for it. Don't waste it!

Wednesday God Hears Prayer

Paul said in II Corinthians 5:7 that we walk by faith not by sight. Salvation is by faith, and living the Christian life is also a matter of faith. Since prayer is part of the Christian life, it too is a matter of faith.

1. Read Hebrews 11:6 – What is necessary to please God?
2. What two things must you believe when you come to God in prayer?
3. What specific group of people does God reward?
4. We looked at Hebrews 10 yesterday. God back there to verse 22. We are to draw near to God with a true heart in what?
5. According to Hebrews 11:6, in what are we to have full assurance of faith?
6. Read James 1:6-7 – What do those verses teach about faith in prayer?
7. If He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him, it makes good sense to come to Him in faith about specific matters. Why is it so important to pray specifically?
8. When God answers prayer, He reveals some of His attributes. How does answering prayer reveal His power?
9. How does answering prayer reveal His wisdom?
10. How does answering prayer reveal His grace?
11. How does answering prayer reveal His holiness?

Without faith it is impossible to please God. Have faith in prayer!

Thursday God Hears Prayer

Part of God's character is that He rewards those who diligently seek Him. This isn't a person who prays casually or infrequently. This is a person who prays regularly and fervently. This person should not be surprised when God answers, in stead, he should regularly see answered prayer.

1. God is ready to answer prayer today just as He was in the past. Read II Kings 6:8-17 – What nation was warring against Israel?
2. What did Elisha do for the king of Israel?
3. Obviously, the king of Syria was not very happy that Elisha kept spoiling his plans to capture the king of Israel, so he turned his attention and effort to capturing Elisha. What did he send to capture him?
4. How did Elisha's servant react when he woke up and saw that the whole city was surrounded?
5. What did Elisha say in response?
6. What did Elisha ask God to do in order to help his servant with his fears?
7. Did God answer that prayer? How?
8. What prayers has God answered for you?

Since God does not change, He is willing and able to answer prayer today just as He did in the past. The God Who answered George Mueller's prayers so powerfully is the same God Who hears your prayers today. Pray!

Friday God Hears Prayer

We've looked already at God's attributes. He hears and never changes. As He answers, we see His power to be able to answer, wisdom to give what is best, grace to give what we don't deserve, and holiness to do what is right. Even before He answers, how are His attributes on display as we pray?

1. Perhaps one of the most dramatic stories of answered prayer in all the Bible is the story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. Read I Kings 18:36-39 – Did Elijah ever ask God to send fire?
2. What was Elijah's request?
3. How did God answer?
4. According to verse 39, after God answered Elijah's prayer, what did the prophets of Baal know?
5. The prophets of Baal confessed that Baal is powerless and dead and that our God is all-powerful and alive! God is the God. He is the only one. There is no one else like Him. We wouldn't bother praying to Him if He were dead like every other false god in this world. Another characteristic on display as we pray is His omniscience. Read again Psalm 65:2 – How does the fact that God can hear so many prayers at once display His omniscience?
6. Read Matthew 6:8 – What does that verse teach about God's omniscience?

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Saturday God Hears Prayer

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1. It may not be as dramatic as seeing fire from Heaven, but it is not less amazing. Read Joshua 10:12-14 – What did Joshua ask God to do?
2. How did God answer?
3. God is all-powerful!!! No human or any other god could stop the universe completely for a whole day then get it going again. He is also Creator. King Hezekiah had become very sick to the point of death. Hezekiah asked God to extend his life. God answered his prayer and sent Isaiah to bring the good news. Read II Kings 20:5-11 – What sign did Hezekiah request?
4. Did it happen?
5. Only the Creator could move the universe backward. Another characteristic is that God is a miracle-worker. Read Matthew 8:1-3 – What was the man's problem who came to Jesus?
6. What did Jesus do?
7. God works miracles. Only God can heal. The last attribute of God that we recognize when we pray is His love and mercy. How does praying to Him recognize that God is loving and merciful?

God exists. He's alive. He is willing and able to answer our prayers. There are examples of it all throughout the Bible. Don't miss out on the privilege of prayer!

Sunday God Hears Prayer

There are examples throughout the Bible of how God hears and answers prayer. Psalm 19:1 says, “The heavens declare the glory of God...” Even nature reveals that God hears and answers our prayers. How?

1. Read Psalm 65:9-13 – There are ten or eleven examples of God’s answers to prayer in nature. List seven of them.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
 - g.
2. One of the most generous answers to prayer as seen in nature is his provision of marriage. Read Genesis 2:18 – Why did God provide marriage?
3. There are many needs that are met by the marital relationship. They are needs that were designed to be met only by that relationship. How is God design for marriage a proof that God answers prayer and meets needs?

There is much proof in nature that God hears and answers prayer. It’s a part of Who He is. God has given us a great privilege to be able to pray to Him. Take advantage and pray, pray, pray!