

"HOW TO GET YOUR PRAYERS ANSWERED".

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Scrip:- Dan. 9:16-23.

Introd:- (1). Let me begin with pertinent ques...Some may think it impertinent..."Do you get your prayers answered?" Most would say..."Sometimes". Some have to say..."Not often". Some be confused, embar..bec. scarcely pray enough..make requests def. enough to know whether really ans'd or not. Let me ask another

Q:- Are you satisfied with prayer life..ans's certainly there? And if honest answer to that "No"..then time to take stock..make investig. c/f Telephone..no ans..Just pay bill and make no comment? No! If took cheque to bank..Bounced!

NSF..No money..Do anything? If prayer cheque bounces..time look into matter. (2). Today promise to do it. For it is vital that we X'ns get prayer ans'd. If get prayer ans'd..get anything you want..(or ought to want). Our growing, pressing, vital prob. today..every day more urgent..is prob. of revival. Dr. Torrey says "you can have revival if you want it". That wanting includes earnest waiting on God in faith..getting answer. "That's my business". Glad to hear it. Now tend to business!

(3). Now at start let us und.this:- It is not for unsaved men to wonder that his prayers not ans'd.. c/f Prov/ 28:9..Ephes. 4:17-19. Only cry God hears..."Be merciful to me a sinner".

Otherwise shut out..no access. BUT FOR THE CHRISTIAN ALL DIFF. c/f Rom. 5:1-2..Ephes. 2:18. and NORMAL state is to have God and answer prayer. c/f Gen.3:8...Dan.9:20-21. c/f Moslems

challenge Billy Graham pray for group of sick. Schemers not to be trusted..and utterly fail und. principles of God healing. Probably playing for a "We're as good as you" verdict. But X'n ought to expect God to ans. prayer. If not..what's wrong?

Why no revival? Time I examined again..my prayer-life. Join me.

I. Now..because ans to prayer is normal..must approach this

(a). From negative side. Why not? must be our question..search And want do this in thor..Biblical fashion..for crystal clear. Not exhaustive..but searching enough for me..bel. for you too.

I have listed 18 specific cause of unans'd prayer..do to start.. When get these 18 settled..completely..then may have search again

(b). FIRST:- Unbelief. Plain unbelief! By it we insult God.. call Him a liar. Heretics illusr..Matt. 17:14-20. - There was

of prayer and fasting..but basic trouble..UNBELIEF. Thus:- Woman with mtn in front of window.."I knew it wouldn't work". To Jer. God said "Is anything too hard for the Lord?"

Do we have faith..UNTIL...? And not enough sing "only believe" Only bel. WHAT...OR WHO? Faith rests on revealed word and will of God..c/f Heb.11:6. Faith starts here..God is..God is able.

Ephes. 3:20-21. There is found. for faith..ans'd prayer..it must never move an inch....c/f I Cor. 15:58. Unmoveable..like rock. God give us steadfast X'ns today. God able send revival

You make us like Elijah - "Word of abundant of rain" - "Nothing" 7 times

SECOND:- UNLOVELY HOMES. Great deal of diff. in X'n living begins at home. Unseen..unsuspected. Voice pious in prayer meeting..mean, bitter, hateful, selfish at home. Hidden away. c/f Joshua 6:17-19...7:1...5-13...20-21. In his tent! (c/f four steps of sin..c/f David and Bathsheba).. Prayers of Israel stopped. We affect others..this church..world-wide revival. Now read this in NT..I Peter 3:1-7. How many homes..even X'n homes..live up to this? Wife is to be obed..meek. Rebel in is sin of fallen angels. Husband is to take place as head of home..Leader..Priest..Carry heavy burdens..love..c/f Gen.18:19 Josh. 24:15. Spoke for whole family. Old-fashioned! Blessed!

THIRD:- UNRIGHTED WRONGS. Matt. 5:23-24. "Ought against thee". legitimate claim or grievance..Person you have wronged..gossip! Hot words..sarcastic, cutting remark..insult..Debt unpaid..an apology owed..LEAVE GIFT..GO MAKE THAT RIGHT FIRST. Some pray long..God nev. hears. Give, and their money is an abom. to God. Toil, and God hates, Others wrongs have cried and reached ear of God first..c/f Cain.."Blood brother crieth"..c/f Exod. 3:7 and Exo.d..22:22-23 God hears cry of widow bef. one who oppress..cry of fatherless bef. prosperous. God loves to listen to call of helpless child..He will ans. their prayer first..and turn ear away from others. **SOME THINGS TO BE PUT RIGHT?** Is there another X'n.."at outs" with? c/f waited 5 yrs apol. to missionary. **PUT THINGS RIGHT**..c/f Zachaeus.."Restore..Lk 19:8 c/f Phil. jailor..washed stripes..helped put on..Family and.

FOURTH:- UNFORGIVEN BROTHER. Mark 11:24-25. Opposite of what just read. This time YOU have the grievance. Mean to YOU. What going to do? Come to worship..and there God reminds..of this..grudge..What do? This time don't go away..from altar..but while right there..praying..**FORGIVE.** Utterly. Illus:- If I get better the old grudge stands". Useless. "Forgive but can't forget"..is miserable, hypocritical cover up for bitter heart..Say "Forgive..and do utmost forget". Keep short account with fellows..Clear decks..c/f John 20:22-23..To all disciples..not Pope Peter! What you want do..retain..until judg. seat? Up to you..but lose out in meantime..c/f Acts 7:60..and our Lord "Father forgive them..." Would not die with even enemies unforg

FIFTH:- Unpaid tithes and offerings. *subson not let forgive* Mal. 3:8-12 Heavens are sometimes brass bec. of this physical fact. OT? - Yes and NT! c/f Heb.7:7-8. Pres. tense! Jesus commended a widow's mite..cast in all her living. Would you..as God led..challenged "O but...what do"? Is God able? c/f Need..woman asked me.."If give \$1,000 saved for old age..will God take care?" What you answer? If God leads to do that..**CERTAINLY!** Illus:- Woman broke stab. box..Why? Bec afraid like us.."O..nearly gave more than tenth..drop more..Gork! Rest for me!" But true stewardship holds ev. dollar at His disposal..utterly. Unreservedly. And spends it ONLY under His direc..on ANYTHING..**GADGET**..**FURNITURE**..**CAR**..**AMUSEMENT(???)**. **FOOD**. Why eat? Live. Why??? For God.

Talked about this once..on way home God said.."You have alab. boy
"What"..Told me..Told wife.."Good..let's break it". Thank God.
Some sing "O how I love Jesus"..don't love Him dime's worth in \$.

6666h 27th, 1960. Bethel Baptist Adult Bible Class.

1. Today I would like resume just about where left off three
weeks ago..take up again this tremendous theme.."How to get
my prayers answered". c/f Dr. Gurney told:..missionary whp went
to China..One woman dedicated self pray..for language..health..
contact..fruit..favour. Wonderful ministry..then after years
of success..begin fail..little fruit:..health went..home. Why?
That praying woman had died..nobody took her place. What respo
nsibility! What staggering issues. WE CANNOT CARRY ON BEREAN
UNLESS GOD ANSWERS PRAYER! There is no other resource. Vital.
2. Now let me take moment pick up what found in Word of God.
Because ans to prayer is NORMAL X'n life..had to approach from
negative side:..What hinders? Began those words begin with UN.
Three:- Unbelief..our failure to wholly lean on God's prom.
Stan rejoices, triumphs. How diff. story of Elijah on Carmel.
Unlovely homes...improper relationship bet. husband, wife, chil
hinders cur praying. God cannot, will not bless. Unpaid
tithes and offerings. Carelessness here shuts heavens windows.
make us good stewards of our money..possessions..weigh well
every penny we spend.

I. Now today begin look at other vital matters..reasons..UN.

(a). (Previous lesson...#3 and 4).

(b). Sixth. UNSEPARATED LIFE...which is an unsacrificed life..

Listen to what God says..Rom. 12:1-2. 'Let no X'n think he can
know the intimate leading of HS without this. Conformity to
world may win friendship of world..but loses companionship of
God..Read again Jas. 4:3-4 "Receive not". No man, woman can
walk hand in hand with world..and still reach hand to God:
2 company, 3 crowd..God retires! Read again:- II Cor. 6:14-18.
Is not God Father of ev. X'n? True. But real father-son
fellowship only poss. to sep. X'n. A divided heart useless.
c/f Lot. No ans. to prayer in Sodom. Abr. had to rescue.
c/f Samson..played with sin..No ans..until vow renewed at death

SEVENTH:- UNFRACTURED DOCTRINE. The danger that besets church
people..Bible class listeners..learners. Take time read this
Isa. 58:1-11. Any explan. needed? Sometimes X'n has sound
doctrine..delights in church service..bows head..fasts..prays.
argues truth..debates..pious show...BUT FAILS IN SIMPLE FRACTIO
Head in clouds. So heavenly minded, no earthly good! Modernis
beat us here..with social Gospel. Yes, our chief business is
to feed on Bread of Life..Gospel out..missionaries..DO IT.
But don't fail here...Gal. 6:10. Washing..tend sick..meal....

Easy sit here..learn..then do nothing. Talk about prayer..never develop real prayer life. "Forgetful hearer".."He that heareth my sayings and doeth them not..house on sand". DO IT!

EIGHTH:- UNCONFESSSED SIN. Here is plain statement..Ps.66:18 "Will not". He can but He will not. c/f Isa. 59:1-2. Same statement. "He will not". God stops His ears... But do not all X'ns sin? Yes. With sorrow we confess this. Much we know.. much more God will show us day by day. What then? It is tolerated in life..unforsaken..dallied with..held to bosom.. looked upon with complacency..even enjoyed.."regarded".."nice". STOPS GOD'S EARS! What then? He calls us to confession and repentance. c/f II Kings. 22:19...II Chron. 7:14. And this blessed promise..I John 1:9. Put it right. Keep snort accounts with God in this matter. ~~John 1:9~~

NINTH:- UNYIELDED HEART. The heart in which self-will still rules...I Sam.15:20-23... Saul went own way..decided he could better direct his own life, then God. But day came when in deep trouble indeed. Failed..and ORIED TO GOD..BUT..I Sam.28:5-6 Reached most misreable place any man could reach,..Unable get answer from God..COMMITTED SUICIDE..ended it all. c/f Psalm 91:14-15. is opposite. Where is your HEART SET? Do you love X Remember..Rev. 4:11. Agree to that? "What will the great God of Heaven find in my life today that brings Him pleasure?" c/f Young man..refuses to give God right of way. Not trust God to take care of him. Make own way..money..security..comfort.. ease. World teaches him from infancy those are goals of life. BUT..SOME TIME OR OTHER HE WILL NEED GOD..DESPERATELY. What God do? Answer? Why shd. He? "Young man..remember..we said good-bye long ago. You left me..deserted my way..work. Said you could make own way. Do it..Good bye"! That happens. -

PROV 1:24-28 - ~~c/f Ps 91:14-15~~ ZECH 7:13 I John 3:21-22
Conclus:- 1. I have no more to add. Yours, mine is the issue. Spirit of God waiting. xthm He is quenched when we say "No" to God. He is grieved when we say "Yes" to devil. Which?

10. UNSANCTIFIED SERVICE - MIC. 3:5-7. \$5.50
HIRELING - GREED - SELFISH - YS II.
"TUNE-BOX". PREACHING - PUT MONEY IN - SERMON.

Berea Chapel Hour - Nov/68

Kelowna Peoples Mission Camp - (3+4) - Aug 16/63

How to get Prayer and
II Sam 22:1, 21, 26

Da 9 No 23
The Church's Need for
this hour

Gen 3:8-13, 22-24

Not for unward
to words
Prov 28:9
Ephes 4:17-19

Not for Y'n -
normal - Gen 3:8
Dam 9:10-21

Josh 24:15
Gen 18:19

① Not easy week ahead - Not here to enjoy
c/f II Tim 4:1-2. Then for purpose - II Pet 1:5-9

Our prob is prob of revival - getting in and

If revival - a prob solved - c/f Acts 2:42

Dr Terry - "You can hear revival if want it"

② Why not? Why not and pray? If want

there - no ans - seen evangelists Josh 7:5-6 that bank

History home relationships
Legend of home

Josh 7:10¹³ 21 I Pet 3:17 wife died. - mark, quail
Rebellion is sin of fallen angels - husb - take place as him
Priest - carry heavy burdens - love

II Thought wrong

Matt 5:23-24 to some pray long - God now hears - money alone
+ reached ear of God 1st - c/f Cain - Pharaoh c/f Exod 22:22-23

c/f Zacharias this jailer - won family - How? - Worked people
c/f debts - hot words

III Unforgotten

mk 11:25 c/f Acts 7:60 - I John 3:15

Proph 24:7-14

~~Testimonies long c/f~~

Mark 3:8-12 - "How I love Jesus" - Not dinner worth out of
dollar - c/f Alab box. widows mule c/f Comm'n cup poured

over

IV Ungrateful heart

I Sam 15:20-23 - 28:5-6

Ps 91:14-15

Prov 28:9 - ~~Ps 113~~ Naaman - "I thought" - Isa 59:1

VI Unconfessed sin - Ps 66:18 c/f I John 1:9 - II R 22:19

Concave: - X'n - Spirit of God waiting - Quenched wherever

Day "no" to God - Grieved when say "yes" to devil

Response: ours - let them search -

Unsaved - Rec not yielded to God - Gild Him - Word

one way - c/f Tree of Life - sword turned on way

Ultimately our future

~~Unfulfilled~~
Unfulfilled life - last - Dawson

from 12:1-2 -
II Gov. 6:14-18

Unfulfilled ~~mission~~ ministry - last 58

Unfulfilled conference - June 17/51

Princeton June 24/51

Geo. W. Bap. Ch. - July 22/51

KINDERSLEY - AUG 26/51

~~Unfulfilled~~

Deer Creek Ranch July 10/52

CMA - Mildred, AK - May 31/53

Whitcomb Beach - (new farm) - July 12/53

Refugee LA Camp - July 16/54

Ladysman, Nigeria - May 27/55

Hosana - Ethiopia - June 21/55

Dindori, India - Aug 3/55

Camp Bap. Church - Calcutta - Aug 19/55

Whitcomb - Y.T. - Sept 24/56

Edmonton, F.B.C. - Apr 28/57

Jamestown, N.Dak - May 12/57

Wainwright - May 19/58

Vancouver - British India - Jan 2/58

Lake City - Menom. - June 27/58

~~John~~ New Sweden Bk - nr Wetskanewi - Mar 8/59

~~John~~ Edm Abrahamson Bk - Mar 15/59

~~John~~ Wilkman - July 5/59

Roselud - Aug 16/59

Peoples Hill - Vancouver - Sept 24/52

Leslieville - Aug 13/50

Manning - Aug 30/59

Wernleome - Oct 11/59

Delea - Nov 8/59

NISEI KOOTENAY CAMP (1)(2)(3) - JULY 15/62

NISEI B. CAMP - 50th/62
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