

WHY WOULD GOD SAY NO TO MY PRAYERS?

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Introduction: When God's children have already had their lives filled with doubts, disappointments, depression, and despair, why would my heavenly Father deny me relief, encouragement, or deliverance from such a life of woe? Doesn't the Lord care about how weak and frail I am? Isn't he concerned with how I am hurting with loneliness, feelings of rejections, and total despair? Sometimes it seems like he just doesn't care, or I am not worthy of his love.

Most of these questions arise when we fail to understand why God may say no to our request. Let us try seeing some of these things from God point of view.

Isa 59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it **cannot hear**:

Isa 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and **your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.**

Isa 59:3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.

Psa 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the **Lord will not hear me**:

Psa 66:19 *But* verily God hath heard *me*; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Psa 66:20 Blessed *be* God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

Jas 4:1 From whence *come* wars and fightings among you? *come they* not hence, *even* of **your lusts** that war in your members?

Jas 4:2 **Ye lust, and have not**: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet **ye have not, because ye ask not.**

Jas 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, **because** ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon **your lusts.**

1Jn 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1Jn 2:16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

1Jn 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Pro 8:13 The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

Deu 3:23 And **I besought** the LORD at that time, saying,

Deu 3:24 O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God *is there* in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might?

Deu 3:25 **I pray thee, let me go over, and see the good land that is beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon.**

Deu 3:26 **But** the LORD was wroth with me for your sakes, and **would not hear**

me: and the LORD said unto me, **Let it suffice thee**; speak no more unto me of this matter.

Deu 3:27 Get thee up into the top of Pisgah, and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and **behold it with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan.**

Deu 3:28 **But** charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.

1Jn 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, **if** we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

1Jn 5:15 And **if** we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Mat 5:24 **Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.**

Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Rom 10:17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Joh 15:7 **If** ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Pro 28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even **his prayer shall be abomination.**

Pro 28:10 Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good *things* in possession.

REMEMBER THESE WORDS-----HE KNOWS

Psa 103:13 Like as a father pitieth *his* children, *so* the LORD pitieth them that fear him. **Psa 103:14** For **he knoweth** our frame; **he remembereth** that we *are* dust.

1Jn 1:8 **If** we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1Jn 1:9 **If** we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1Jn 1:10 **If** we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Prayer is one of our greatest resources

Heb 4:16 *Let us therefore* **come boldly** unto the throne of grace, that we may **obtain mercy**, and **find grace** to help in time of need.