

Topic: The Value And Importance of Prayer

Sermon 4 on Prayer

Obstacles to Answered Prayer #2

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The Bible teaches that there are:

Five Conditions for God to answer the prayers of His people

(Five Obstacles to answered prayer)

Both the OT and NT warn of hindrances to prayers being answered

The first condition or the first barrier to answered prayer.

1. For God to respond powerfully, affirmatively and regularly to our prayers, we must pray with the right motives and for the right purposes. The motive must be the glory of God and the purpose the furtherance of His earthly and eternal kingdoms. We cannot pray selfishly. Our prayers must be in accordance with God's will.

James 4:1-3 Selfish prayer receives nothing from God.

The second condition for answered prayer is closely related to the first one.

2. We must be walking humbly and holy before the Lord, submitting to His authority over us by seeking to keep all of His commandments.

(1.) I John 3:21-22

(2.) Ps. 66:18-20

(3.) James 5:16-18

(4.) I Sam. 8:18

(5.) Prov. 1:20-33

(6.) Deut. 1:41-46

(7.) Ps. 4:3,

(8.) II Chron. 7:14

(9.) John 15:7

(10.) Jer. 29:10-13.