

Topic: The Value And Importance of Prayer

Sermon 5 on Prayer

Obstacles to Answered Prayer #3

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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

3. You must regularly and diligently seek to be living righteously and lovingly in social relationships (with your fellow man).

Exodus 20, The Ten Commandments:

1. You shall have no other Gods before me

2. You shall not make images/statues to worship or pray to

3. You shall not use my name is vain.

4. You shall not fail to come together and worship me with God's people on one day in every seven.

5. You shall honor and respect your parents.

6. You shall not murder.

7. You shall not commit sexual sin.

8. You shall not steal.

9. You shall not lie about others.

10. You shall not mentally long for and be jealous of the possessions of others.

Matthew 22:36-40.

Last Sunday, we learned that for God to answer our prayers,

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.) Isa. 1:15-17

Isa. 1:10-14

(2.) Isa. 58:1-9

(3.) Isa. 59:1-3

(4.) Micah 3:1-7

(5.) Matt. 5:23-24

(6.) Mk. 11:24-25

(7.) I Pet. 3:7

"I Peter 3:7 is merely a particular application of a great general principle: the connection between holy conduct and answered prayer. The more conscientiously we perform our various duties, the more advantages will we derive from prayer. Calling on the Name of the Lord and departing from iniquity are closely conjoined." John Brown

"There are many hindrances to an effective prayer life but one of the quickest ways to short-circuit prayer is to have a wrong relationship with your mate. How can a person be at one with God when he or she is at odds with his or her mate? Unresolved differences and bitterness block the avenue of prayer. Be at peace with each other so that you can be at peace with God." Victor Knowles