

# God...Why Won't you Answer?!?!

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Have you ever experienced silence from God?

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the Ancient Days"

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# He Has Not Changed

- **Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

# Peel Back that tile ceiling

- Mark 2:1-12

- Jesus is the only One with the answers.
- What will we do to get the answers we need?
- If we're not getting answers, it may be time to look at our own lives.

# Difference between “No and silence”

- Sometimes when we pray in/for God’s will we hear “No”
  - “Father is this the direction for my life?”
- Other times when we are praying outside God’s will we find ourselves saying, “I have prayed over and over and He doesn’t do anything I hear nothing so what is the point in praying.”
  - “God I want \_\_\_\_\_ and this is when I want it”
- **Psalms 37:4** ...he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Right?

# Psalm 37:3-9

- Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

What Hinders our prayers?

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# Our prayers are born of the flesh

- **James 4:1-12**

- Because you ask wrongly- vs. 3
- You are a friend of the world-vs. 4
- God opposes the proud- vs. 6

# Our Prayers are Errant

- Prayers that are not in alignment with God's nature, will and purpose on earth.
- 1 John 5:14-15 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

# Our Prayers are Wavering

- Unsure of His ability to hear and answer
- James 1:6-8 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

# Living in disobedience

- **Isaiah 1:15** And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

# Living in Disobedience

- 1 John 3:21-24 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, *then* have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

# Living Duplicitously (similar to disobedient)

- John 14:13-14 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.
- John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

# Living Duplicitously

- *In His Name*

- Exodus 20:7 Thou shalt not *take* the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

# Take

- Strong's Hebrew Dictionary

5375. נָשָׂא *nasa'*

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- נָשָׂא *nasa'* *naw-saw'* or *nacah* (Psalm 4:6,7) {*naw-saw'*}; a primitive root; to lift, in a great variety of applications, literal and figurative, absol. and rel. (as follows):—accept, advance, arise, (able to, (armor), suffer to) bear(-er, up), bring (forth), burn, carry (away), cast, contain, desire, ease, exact, exalt (self), extol, fetch, forgive, furnish, further, give, go on, help, high, hold up, honorable (+ man), lade, lay, lift (self) up, lofty, marry, magnify, X needs, obtain, pardon, raise (up), receive, regard, respect, set (up), spare, stir up, + swear, take (away, up), X utterly, wear, yield.

# Name

- Strong's Hebrew Dictionary  
8034. שֵׁם *shem*
- שֵׁם *shem* *shame* a primitive word (perhaps rather from 7760 through the idea of definite and conspicuous position; compare 8064); an appellation, as a mark or memorial of individuality; by implication honor, authority, character:—+ base, (in-)fame(-ous), named(-d), renown, report.

# Lack Heavenly Honor

- **1 Peter 3:7** Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.
- **εκκοπτω ekkopto ek-kop'-to** from 1537 and 2875; to excind; figuratively, to frustrate:—cut down (off, out), hew down, hinder.

# Lack of abiding

- **John 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.
- **μενω meno *men'*-o** a primary verb; to stay (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy):—abide, continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry (for), X thine own.