

God's Answers to Our Prayers

Jeremiah 33:3

“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” Jeremiah 33:3

“The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry. The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles.” Psalm 34:15, 17

“In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me.” Psalm 86:7

“The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them.” Psalm 145:18-19

There are four ways that God answers the prayers of His children:

I. Directly – this is how everyone wants their prayers answered.

- immediately (Daniel 9:20-23)
- in the affirmative (John 4:46-54)

II. Delayed – God acts on our behalf but not immediately.

- by delay God's greater purpose is served (John 9:1-7; John 11:42)
- God answers according to His timetable, not ours (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

III. Differently – this is yes, but in a different way.

- God always knows what is best (Isaiah 55:8-9)
- God always acts in our best interest (Jeremiah 29:11)

IV. Denial – when God says no we:

- continue to trust in Him (Habakkuk 3:17-18)
- grow in our concept of grace (II Corinthians 12:7-10)
- respond in submission and obedience (Matthew 26:36-42)

When we pray we must trust in:

- the love of God that wants the best for us.
- the wisdom of God that knows what is best for us.
- the power of God that can accomplish all things.

If the request is wrong, God says, “No.”

If the timing is wrong, God says, “Slow.”

If we are wrong, God says, “Grow.”

But if the request is right, the timing is right, and we are right, God says, “Go!”