

Does Prayer Change the Mind of God
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Text: Exodus 32:11-14

Do our prayers convince God to do something He wasn't otherwise planning to do?

God is not a man that he should lie, nor a son of man that he should change his mind. Numbers 23:19

Three truths to hold in tension:

1. GOD'S _____ ARE UNCHANGING

I am God, and there is none like me, I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, "My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please." Isaiah 46:9-10

In him we were ... predestined according to the according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will. Ephesians 1:11

2. GOD'S _____ ARE UNFOLDING

God had put Moses into a situation so that he would see the problem, remember God's promises, and petition God to change his course of action.

3. OUR _____ ARE INSTRUMENTAL

The text is clear: Without this prayer, God would have destroyed Israel.

What If I am praying persistently and still not getting an answer? Maybe...

1. You are not right with God.

2. Something in you needs to change.

When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. James 4:3

3. Your prayers do not align with God's will.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. 1 John 5:14-15

4. Your prayers circumvent God's processes.

5. He delays His answer until His return.

For all the promises of God are yes in Christ Jesus. 2 Corinthians 1:20