



Series: PRAYING THE PSALMS (05)

Title: What Happens When Prayers Seem to Go Unanswered?

Scripture: Psalm 13

How to PRAY? - Psalm 139

1. Praise
2. Repent
3. Ask
4. Yield

What hinders prayer? Psalm 51

What do we pray for? Psalm 67

How do I pray with power? Psalm 105

1. Pray in the name of Christ continually.
2. Praise the name of Christ continually.
3. Proclaim the name of Christ continually.
4. To pray in power, seek the presence of Christ continually.
5. To pray in power, speak the Word of Christ continually.

There are only 3 answers to prayer by God:

- **Yes, No, Wait.**

What happens when God is silent in his response? (wait)

- **Pray it through.**
- **Every problem we have is a call to worship/opportunity to worship.**

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1. Calling on God in problems and pain is just as much worship as shouting to God in victory. (Psalm 13:1-2)

God wants us to ask Him “Why” in worship.

Dangers in simplifying the answers to the why question:

- We miss sufferings purpose.
- We magnify satan's power.
- We miss our Sovereign's presence. **2 Cor. 11:21-33; 12:7-9**

2. We learn God as Father most when we call on Him in desperate persistent prayer. (Psalm 13:3-4)

Luke 11:5-10

- Ask and keep on asking.
- Seek and keep on seeking.
- Knock and keep on knocking

3. Yielding to God in painful, persistent, problems is a decision and a process.

(Psalm 13:5-6)

- We can trust Christ in our pain because we've trusted Christ for salvation.
- We can rejoice in our pain because we're rejoicing in salvation.
- We can sing in our pain because Christ has already given us more than enough in salvation.

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