

祈祷 (柒)

Prayer (VII)

参 神对祷告的答应

III. God's Answer to Prayer

一 神应许必答应祷告

A. God Promises to Answer Our Prayer

(一) ‘祈求，就给；…祈求的，就得着。’路加十一章九至十节。

1. “Ask and it shall be given to you; seek and you shall find” (Luke 11:9).

主应许说，我们祈求，祂就给我们。所以我们祷告得着答应，不是我们把主的心哭软了，祂就答应我们，乃是祂老早就应许我们要这样作。我们该抓住祂这应许，作我们祷告的根据。

If we ask, the Lord promised that it shall be given to us. Therefore, our prayers are answered, not because we cry until the Lord softens His heart and responds. Rather, He answers us because of His promise. His promise is the basis for our prayer.

(二) ‘无论求什么，我必成就。’约翰十四章十三节。

2. “Whatever you ask in My name, that I will do” (John 14:13).

主在这里关于祷告所给我们的应许，非常广大！无论我们求什么，只要是住在祂里面，奉祂的名而求的，祂都必成就。

The Lord's promise concerning prayer is very broad. As long as we are abiding in the Lord and praying in His name, He will do whatever we ask.

(三) ‘呼求我，祷告我，我就应允。’耶利米二十九章十二节。

3. “You will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you” (Jer. 29:12).

只要我们呼求神，祷告神，祂就应允。这也是祂应许我们的话。我们该凭着祂这应许的话，满有信心，大胆的向祂呼求，向祂祷告。

If we call upon God and pray to Him, He will listen to us. This is His word of promise. We should be full of faith, boldly call upon Him, and pray to Him because of His promise.

(四) ‘大大张口，我就给你充满。’诗篇八十一篇十节。

4. “Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it” (Psa. 81:10).

这也是神要我们祷告，所给我们的一个广大应许！祂应许说，我们大大张口，祂就给我们充满。这岂不该叫我们放心，大量的向神祷告么？

This great promise speaks of God's desire for us to pray. According to His promise, He will fill our mouth if we open it wide. This should cause us to pray to God in great measure with assurance.

这些都是神应许我们，祂要答应我们的祷告。祂既这样应许，我们祷告得答应就应该是容易的。

All of these verses show that God promises to answer our prayers. Since He has given us such promises, it is easy for our prayers to be answered.

二 神答应祷告的能力

B. The Power with Which God Answers

(一) ‘神能照着…大力，…成就一切超过…所求所想的。’以弗所三章二十节。

1. “To Him who is able to do superabundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power which operates in us” (Eph. 3:20).

神的大能大力，是祂答应我们祷告的能力。祂的大能大力分两面，一面是在于祂的生命，一面是在于祂的膀臂。祂生命的大能，是在我们里面，为我们成就那些关于属灵生命的祷告。祂膀臂的大能，是在我们外面，为我们成就那些关于环境事物的祷告。祂这两面的大能大力，能为我们成就一切，超过我们所求的，也超过我们所想的。

God answers our prayer by His power. God's power is two-sided. One side is according to His life; the other side is according to His arm. The power of His life is within us, accomplishing our prayers concerning spiritual matters of life. The power of His arm is outside of us, accomplishing our prayers concerning environmental matters and things. His two-sided power is able to do superabundantly above all that we ask or think.

三 神答应祷告的时候

C. The Time in Which God Answers

（一）‘尚未求告，我就应允；正说话的时候，我就垂听。’以赛亚六十五章二十四节。

1. “Before they call, I will answer; / Even while they are speaking, I will hear” (Isa. 65:24).

有时，在我们还没祷告，神就应允我们。也有时正在我们祷告，神就垂听我们。

Sometimes God answers us before we pray, and He hears us while we are praying.

（二）‘从你第一日专心求明白，…已蒙应允。’但以理十章十二节。

2. “From the first day that you set your heart to understand this matter...your words were heard” (Dan. 10:12).

当日但以理第一天祷告，就蒙了神的应允，但是过了二十一天他才知道。因为来报信给他的天使，遇到撒但魔君的拦阻，不能早日给他知道。这叫我们看见，有时神对我们祷告的答应，要临到我们身上，会受到撒但的拦阻。所以我们该像但以理，用坚忍的祷告，胜过撒但这种拦阻，使我们至终看见神的答应。

On the first day that Daniel prayed, his prayer was heard by God, but he did not know of God's answer until twenty-one days later, because the angel who was coming with the answer met with resistance from Satan's angel. This shows that sometimes God's answer to our prayer can be delayed by Satan. Like Daniel, we should endure in prayer to overcome obstacles from Satan so that we may see God's answer.

（三）‘仍住了两天。’约翰十一章三节，六节，二十一节。

3. “He remained...for two days” (John 11:6, see also vv. 3, 21).

当日拉撒路病了，他的姐姐打发人去告诉主。主听见了，仍住了两天才去看他。在马大和马利亚一就是拉撒路的两个姐姐一看，主是去晚了，误了事了。但主所以住了两天才去，有祂的美意。就是要等拉撒路死了，且埋葬了，好有机会彰显祂复活的能力。所以主答应我们的祷告，或早或晚，都有祂的美意。

When Lazarus was sick, Martha and Mary, his sisters, sent some to tell the Lord. When the Lord heard about Lazarus, He remained for two days before He came. Consequently, the two sisters felt that the Lord had come too late, that He had done something wrong. However, the Lord waited for two days because He had His own plan. He wanted to wait until Lazarus had died and was buried so that He would have an opportunity to express His resurrection power. Therefore, the Lord's answer to prayer, whether early or late, is always according to His plan.

（四）‘昼夜呼吁祂，祂纵然…忍了多时，岂不终久…伸冤么？’路加十八章七节。

4. “Will not God...carry out the avenging of His chosen ones, who cry to Him day and night, though He is long-suffering over them?” (Luke 18:7).

有时，神等了好久，才答应我们的祷告。在等的时候，好像祂不理我们的祷告，但终久祂叫我们得到祂的答应。祂答应我们祷告的时候，乃是操在祂的手中。祂看快好，就快；祂看慢好，就慢。

Sometimes God waits a long time before answering our prayer. While we are waiting, it seems as if He is ignoring our prayer, but eventually He gives us an answer. The time that He takes to answer our prayer is in

His hands. If He thinks that it is better to be quick, He will answer quickly. If He thinks that it is better to be slow, He will answer slowly.

四 神答应祷告的方法

D. The Way in Which God Answers Prayer

(一) ‘谁有儿子求饼，反给他石头呢？求鱼，反给他蛇呢？…何况你们在天上的父，岂不更把好东西给求祂的人么？’ 马太七章九至十一节。

1. “What man is there among you who, when his son asks him for a loaf, will give him a stone? Or also when he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent?...How much more will your Father who is in the heavens give good things to those who ask Him!” (Matt. 7:9-11).

神的智慧叫祂不会错答应我们的祷告。有时，我们求错了，祂还答应对了。有时，我们把石头当饼求，把蛇当鱼求，祂还把饼，把鱼，把对的东西，把更好的东西，给我们。从前在西国有一个弟兄，要去非洲为主传道，就求主给他健康的身体，好去非洲受苦。有一天他的腿忽然跌断了，无法接医，只好换上一只木腿。他当时不明白主为何许可那件事。后来到了非洲，那里的土人看见他，就要吃他。他被他们追得无法，就把那只木腿抛给他们去吃。他们尝了，味道不美，就让他去了。到这时，他才知道，神原是答应他的祷告，给他预备一只木腿，好到这时救他的活命。有时，神对我们祷告的答应，当时他会被我们看为不合，看为错的，那知后来事实证明正是合式的，正是对的。感谢神，我们会错，祂不会错！我们会求错，祂不会给错！

God’s wisdom means that He is never wrong when He answers our prayers. Sometimes we ask wrongly, but He still answers correctly. Sometimes we think a stone is bread and a serpent is a fish, and so we ask for them. But God still gives us bread and fish. **He gives us the correct things, the good things.** A brother who was going from a Western country to Africa to preach the gospel asked the Lord to give him a healthy body so that he could suffer in Africa. One day he fell and broke his leg. The break was so bad that it could not heal; eventually, he was given a wooden leg. He did not understand why the Lord allowed this to happen, but when he was in Africa, some natives saw him and wanted to eat him. When he could not escape their pursuit, he gave them his wooden leg to eat. When they tasted it, they let him go. Then he understood that God had answered his prayer by giving him a wooden leg that would save his life. Sometimes God’s answers to our prayer do not seem appropriate. We even think that He is wrong, but the subsequent facts prove that His answers are indeed appropriate and correct. Thank God, we may be wrong, but He is never wrong. **We may ask wrongly, but He never gives the wrong thing.**

(二) ‘你们不知道所求的是什么，我将要喝的杯，你们能喝么？’ 马太二十章二十二节。

2. “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup which I am about to drink?” (Matt. 20:22).

雅各、约翰的母亲，为他们向主求宝座，主就说要给他们苦杯。我们许多时候也是这样，不知道所求的是什么。但主的智慧知道我们所需要的是什么，所以就照我们所需要的给我们。我们求忍耐，祂就给我们苦难。因为祂知道苦难能为我们生出忍耐。祂不照我们的想法，只照祂的智慧，答应我们的祷告。

The mother of James and John asked the Lord for thrones for her sons. The Lord instead said that He would give them a cup of suffering. We often do not know what we are asking. But **the Lord in His wisdom knows what we need, so He gives according to our need.** We ask for patience, but He gives us suffering. He knows that sufferings bring in endurance. **He does not answer our prayers according to our concept but according to His wisdom.**

五 神答应祷告的目的

E. God’s Goal in Answering Prayer

(一) ‘…无论求什么，我必成就，叫父因儿子得荣耀。’ 约翰十四章十三节。

1. “Whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son” (John 14:13).

神答应我们祷告的目的，不是为着我们的爱好，为着我们的喜乐，乃是为着祂的荣耀，为着彰显祂的自己，给我们认识祂。

God's goal in answering our prayers is not our pleasure or joy. [It is His glory, the expression of Himself, so that we might know Him.](#)

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