

祈 祷（捌）

Prayer (VIII)

肆 祈祷得答应的阻碍

IV. Barriers to Prayer Being Answered

一 罪恶

A. Sin

（一）‘心里注重罪孽，主必不听。’诗篇六十六篇十八节，箴言十五章八节，二十九节。

1. “If I regarded iniquity in my heart, / The Lord did not hear” (Psa. 66:18; see also Prov. 15:8, 29).

拦阻我们祷告得答应的，第一就是罪恶。这里说，我们心里若注重罪孽，主必不听。‘注重’在希伯来原文，有以礼相待的意思。有的人一面祷告神，一面心里又注重罪孽，款待罪孽，对罪孽以礼相待，而不恨恶罪孽、拒绝罪孽。这样的人祷告，神必不听。

The first barrier to prayer being answered is sin. If we regard iniquity in our heart, the Lord will not hear us. Regarded in Hebrew conveys a sense of being polite. If a person prays but regards, entertains, and is polite and deferential toward sin, rather than hating and refusing sin, God will not hear his prayer.

（二）‘罪孽使你们与神隔绝，…罪恶使祂掩面不听。’以赛亚五十九章一至二节，五十八章四节，一章十五节，弥迦书三章二至四节，约翰九章三十一节。

2. “Your iniquities have become a separation / Between you and your God, / And your sins have hidden His face / From you so that He does not hear” (Isa. 59:2; see also 1:15; 58:4; Micah 3:2-4; John 9:31).

罪使我们与神隔绝，也使神掩面不听我们。所以我们若不弃绝罪，祷告必不能蒙神答应。

Sin creates a separation between God and us and causes God to hide His face from us. If we do not forsake sin, God cannot answer our prayer.

（三）‘我们犯罪悖逆，…你以黑云遮蔽自己，以至祷告不得透入。’哀歌三章四十二至四十四节。

3. “We have transgressed and rebelled... / You have covered Yourself with a cloud / That prayer might not pass through” (Lam. 3:42, 44).

罪叫神的怒气发作，如黑云把神遮蔽，使我们的祷告不能透过，达到神面前。所以我们若活在罪中，我们的祷告就绝不能上达神前，蒙神垂听，得到神的答应。

Sin stirs up God’s wrath, and He covers Himself with a dark cloud so that our prayer might not pass through. If we live in sin, our prayer surely cannot reach God, be heard by God, or be answered by God.

二 偶像

B. Idols

假神偶像，是触犯神的忌邪的，更叫神不能听我们的祷告。也许我们想，我们已经离弃假神偶像，没有假神偶像了。但我们要知道，若有什么东西在我们里面，夺取了神的地位，代替了神，给我们看重过于神，那也就是我们的偶像。我们若让这样的东西在我们心中有地位，也就是把假神接到我们心里。若是这样，神就不能被我们求问，更不能答应我们的祷告。

False gods and idols provoke God’s jealousy, causing God to be unwilling to hear our prayer. We may think that we have left false gods and idols and do not have any false gods and idols, but we must realize that anything that usurps the place of God is a false god and idol in our heart. If this is our condition, God cannot be inquired of by us and, even less, answer our prayer.

三 爱世界

C. Loving the World

（一）‘求也得不到，…岂不知与世俗为友，就是与神为敌么？’雅各书四章三至四节。

1. “You ask and do not receive...Do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity with God?” (James 4:3-4).

与世俗为友，是与神为敌。所以与世俗为友、爱世界，就会叫我们的祷告不能蒙神垂听答应。

The friendship of the world is enmity with God. Therefore, God will be unable to hear and answer our prayers if we are friends of the world and love the world.

四 妄求

D. Asking Evilly

(一) ‘你们求也得不着，是因为你们妄求，要浪费在你们的宴乐中。’ 雅各书四章三节。

1. “You ask and do not receive because you ask evilly that you may spend it on your pleasures” (James 4:3).

求之不当，为浪费、为宴乐而妄求，自然也不能蒙神垂听答应。

God will not answer prayers that ask inappropriately, that is, **asking evilly so that we may receive for the sake of our pleasures.**

五 不饶恕人

E. Not Forgiving Others

(一) ‘你们站着祷告，…想起有人得罪你，就当饶恕他。’ 马可十一章二十五至二十六节。

1. “When you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone” (Mark 11:25, see also v. 26).

祷告是与神交通。与神交通，需要神的饶恕。若没有神的饶恕，罪就叫我们与神断了交通。所以我们要与神交通，祷告神，我们的罪就必须得着神的饶恕。神对我们的饶恕，是根据我们对人的饶恕。我们若不饶恕人，神也不饶恕我们。我们不饶恕人，既叫神不能饶恕我们，也就叫我们不能与神交通，不能祷告神，而蒙神垂听答应。

Prayer is fellowship with God, and fellowship with God requires God’s forgiveness. Sin without God’s forgiveness causes our fellowship with God to be broken. Therefore, if we want to fellowship with Him in prayer, we must obtain God’s forgiveness of our sins. **His forgiving of us is based upon our forgiving of others.** If we do not forgive others, God will not forgive us. **If we do not forgive others, God cannot forgive us, and we cannot fellowship with God.**

六 不与弟兄和好

F. Not Being Reconciled with Our Brother

(一) ‘你在祭坛上献礼物，…想起弟兄向你怀怨，就…先去同弟兄和好。’ 马太五章二十三至二十四节。

1. “If you are offering your gift at the altar and there you remember that your brother has something against you...first go and be reconciled to your brother” (Matt. 5:23-24).

与弟兄有间隔，就不能与神有交通。这里所说的在祭坛上献礼物，就是与神交通。主说，要这样与神交通，若想起有弟兄向我们怀怨，也就是与我们有间隔，就要先去同弟兄和好。照主在这里所说的，如果有弟兄怀怨我们，与我们有间隔，我们若不去与弟兄和好，除去间隔，就不能与神交通，所以也就不能祷告神，而蒙神垂听答应。

If we have a problem with a brother, we cannot fellowship with God. The offering of our gift at the altar refers to fellowship with God. If we remember that a brother has something against us when we want to fellowship with God, we should first go and be reconciled to the brother to correct this problem. **According to the Lord’s word, if a brother has something against us, we must first be reconciled to him in order to clear up the problem.** If we do not do this, we will not be able to fellowship with God. We will not be able to pray, and God will not listen to or answer our prayer.

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