PRAYER

3 Reasons Why God Answers Prayer
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1 Kings 18:20-40

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Prayer is the most basic expression of our faith, but without answers, our prayer is empty. The good news is that answered prayer glorifies God, and His Word gives us three good reasons why we know that:

-Answers to prayer are what make praying real and worth doing.
-Without answers, there would be no need to pray. Praying would be simply a ritual.
-The most real aspect of prayer is the answer.
-Answers to prayer encourage our faith.
-Answers to prayer give our prayer focus, aim and purpose.
-Answered prayer should be expected. ***Hebrews 6:18***

1. Answered prayer _____ God. ***1 Kings 18:37-40***

- Answered prayer accomplishes God's goals.
- "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." ***John 14:13-14***
- "So He said to them, 'This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.'" ***Mark 9:29***

2. Answered prayer _____ non-believers' faith in God. ***1 Kings 18:37-40***

- "Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, 'Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me.'" ***John 11:41-42***

3. Answered prayer _____ faithfulness in believers. ***1 Kings 18:37-40***

- "I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live." ***Psalm 116:1-2***

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Notes:

Read the Bible in a year.

Don't forget to Read, Reflect and Respond.

MON - Psalms 74-76
TUES - Psalms 77-78; Romans 10
WED - Psalms 79-80; Romans 11
THU - Psalms 81-83
FRI - Psalms 84-86; Romans 12
SAT - Psalms 87-88; Romans 13
SUN - Psalms 89-90; Romans 14

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