

A Hindrance to Prayer

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The promise of answered prayer isn't given to every human being. Rather, it is a unique promise for those who have a relationship with God.

In fact, the very reason that Jesus Christ came to earth and died on the cross is so that we might come into a relationship and a friendship with our Creator. But we all have a disease called sin that we can't get rid of. Thus, when Christ died on the cross, He took our sins upon Himself.

Until you come into a relationship with God, you cannot really see your prayers answered. As Isaiah 59:2 says, “Your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.”

We have often heard it said that we are all the children of God, that we are all brothers and sisters. In reality, we aren't all brothers and sisters. In reality, we aren't all God's children. The Bible says that we are God's offspring, meaning that we are humans who were created in His image. (That isn't true, of course, of the animal kingdom.) We were made in God's image, but we are not automatically the children of God. That only takes place when we come to Him, turn from our sin, and put Him on in baptism.

The Bible says, “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name” (John 1:12). God must adopt you. You cannot automatically be His child. There has to come a moment in your life when you ask Him for His forgiveness, and He will adopt you as His son or daughter. And because of what Jesus did, you can have access to the throne of God.

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