

Does God
Answer...



PRAYER?

DOES GOD REALLY HEAR and answer your prayers? Take a look at God's dealings with George Mueller, a man who said "I have joyfully dedicated my whole life to the object of showing how much may be accomplished by prayer and faith."

One of the main works of his life was the establishment of a large orphanage at Bristol, England. In sixty-four years from the outset of this work, Mr. Mueller cared for 10,024 orphans; established seven day schools that 81,501 children attended; founded twelve Sunday schools that instructed a total of 32,944 children; and aided twenty-five Sunday schools in England and Wales. He contributed large sums of money to foreign mission work, distributed 1,989,266 Bibles and parts thereof, circulated 3,101,338 books and tracts, and traveled in forty-two countries preaching the Gospel to three million hearers. In all he received from and gave back to God \$7,500,000, at no time asking anyone for so much as a penny.

He knew by experience what it is for God to "give us this day our daily bread." He remarked, "From August, 1838, to April, 1849, . . . we had day by day, almost

without interruption, to look to Him for our daily supplies, and, for a great part of the time, from meal to meal.”

Materials were not the only thing this man of God received in answer to prayer. Thousands of souls were saved in answer to his prayers.

What was the secret of Mueller’s power with God? He took time to be alone with God in prayer, meditation, and Bible study. He would study the Bible on his knees. He spent hours every day on his knees in prayer. He said, “I live in the spirit of prayer. I pray as I walk, when I lie down, and when I rise. And the answers are always coming. Tens of thousands of times God has answered my prayers. When once I am persuaded a thing is right, I go on praying for it until the end comes. I never give up!”

He kept these conditions of prevailing prayer always before his mind:

1. *Entire dependence upon the merits and mediation of the Lord Jesus Christ, as the only basis on which to claim a blessing.* “Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I

do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it" (John 14:13, 14).

2. *Separation from all known sin.* "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" (Psalm 66:18).

3. *Faith in God's word of promise.* "Without faith it is impossible to please him: . . . he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

4. *Asking in accordance with His will.* Our motives must be godly. "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us" (1 John 5:14).

5. *Importunity in supplication.* There must be waiting on God and waiting for God. "Shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?" (Luke 18:7).