

# What Prayer Cannot Do

"... Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God?" Mark 12:24 (New King James Version)

Will prayer \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ situation?

## Prayer Cannot Bestow Wisdom That Is Already Revealed

- A. If God has already revealed His \_\_\_\_\_ on a matter in His \_\_\_\_\_, will He give someone \_\_\_\_\_ that contradicts it?
- B. Prayer is no substitute for knowing God's word:
1. James 1:5 - If we ask God for \_\_\_\_\_, He'll \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
But what \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ does James have in mind?
  2. 2 Timothy 3:16,17 - \_\_\_\_\_ has everything needed to make us \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ equip us.
  3. Matthew 7:21-23 - These people were \_\_\_\_\_, but had not \_\_\_\_\_ the will of God. Did they not \_\_\_\_\_ that will?
  4. Mark 12:24 - The \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ because they didn't \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. (Do we?)

## Prayer Cannot Set Aside Consequences Of Sins

- A. 1 John 1:9 - God will \_\_\_\_\_ sins when we \_\_\_\_\_ to God's \_\_\_\_\_ in ways He has shown.
- B. Sometimes God's people are told not to pray:
1. 1 John 5:16,17 - John didn't recommend \_\_\_\_\_ for sins that \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. John 11:4 - Lazarus' \_\_\_\_\_ was "not unto \_\_\_\_\_".
  3. John was likely talking about people who had \_\_\_\_\_ away from the \_\_\_\_\_. Why pray for them?
  4. Jeremiah 11:14 - \_\_\_\_\_ told Jeremiah not to pray for \_\_\_\_\_. They had turned away from God to \_\_\_\_\_.

## Prayer Cannot Save Without Obedience

- A. Many teach that a \_\_\_\_\_ can be saved simply by \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. God's terms of pardon have been made clear:
1. 1 Timothy 1:15,16 - Paul is a \_\_\_\_\_ of how to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Acts 9:18 - Why was he \_\_\_\_\_ after receiving his \_\_\_\_\_?
  3. Acts 22:16 - By being \_\_\_\_\_, his \_\_\_\_\_ would be \_\_\_\_\_ away.
  4. Acts 26:19 - He was not \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ vision.

Let's follow God's \_\_\_\_\_ in how to use prayer \_\_\_\_\_!

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