

WHY GOD ANSWERS US WHEN WE PRAY

Luke 18:1-8

Part 3 of 3

A third reason God answers our prayers is his faithfulness.

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS. God doesn't change his mind. He doesn't ride the roller-coaster of the rise and fall of emotions. His heart isn't a battle zone of conflicting motivations. He doesn't get bored, exhausted, or distracted. He won't quit what he has begun. He won't forsake those on whom he has placed his love. He won't harden his heart, shut down his mind, and turn his back. He won't take a break or go to sleep. He will never tell you that you have asked too much or that you have come to him too often. You never have to work to figure him out. You never have to wonder if his response to you will change. He is absolutely faithful to every promise he has made and every provision he has offered. Your hope in prayer is rooted in his faithfulness, not yours.

Read 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3. Other translations of verse 3 read...
The Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you, set you on a firm foundation, protect you, guard you, deliver you, and keep you from the attacks of the evil one.

1) What is God's promise in this verse?

2) How does the evil one, the devil, attack us?

3) What does he use?

4) How is God faithful to us when we are being attacked?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:7-9.

Paul is expressing gratitude for the believers at Corinth and their walk with God, even though they have a lot of issues to work through. The Amplified Bible reads like this...

[7] And He will also confirm you to the end [keeping you strong and free of any accusations of wrong, so that you will be] blameless and beyond reproach in the day [of the return] of our Lord Jesus Christ. ... [8] you are not lacking in any spiritual gift [which comes from the Holy Spirit], as you eagerly wait [with confident trust] for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ [when He returns]. [9] God is faithful [He is reliable, trustworthy and ever true to His promise—He can be depended on], and through Him you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

5) What is God's promise in these verses?

Read Lamentations 3:22-23.

6) What do you learn about the promises of God from these verses?

Don't give up crying out to God with the needs and desires of your heart. If you know God through faith in Christ, then His

mercy continues to be extended to you. He will answer you in His time because of His love, grace, faithfulness, kingdom, and glory