

# Exposing Error

Prayer is one of the most misunderstood subjects in our world today. Most of the religious organizations teach that one just repeat a sinner's prayer and they are saved at that very moment. They should read Mark 16:16 and see what our Lord has to say about salvation.

I'm not trying to be rude! I don't want to belong to any religious organization that won't get me to Heaven.

One must be a child of God before God will hear and answer their prayer.

In Psalms 34:15 we read "The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and his ears are open unto their cries."

In First Peter 3:12 we read, "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil."

Let us look at some examples in God's Holy Word of those who prayed and God heard and answered their prayer.

1. 1 Chronicles 4:9-10 Jabez was more honorable than his brethren: asked God to be with him and enlarge his coasts, keep him from evil, and God granted his request.
2. 2 Kings 22:18-20 Josiah began his reign when he was eight years of age and did that which was right in the sight of the Lord (and walked in the way of David his father). During the rebuilding of the temple, the Book of the Law was found and when it was read unto the king, the king rent his clothes and wept before the Lord God. And the Lord heard and answered his prayer and did not exercise His anger upon those who done away with His book and walked not as he had instructed until the king was gathered unto his fathers. The king Josiah went to his grave in peace.
3. In 2 Kings 20:2-6 King Hezekiah was sick unto death and Isaiah the prophet came to him and told him the Lord said get your house in order; for thou shall die and not live. The king turned his face to the wall and prayed to God and wept. God heard his prayer and added 15 years to his life.

In Luke 1:13 we see Zacharias the priest, also the father of John the Baptist, he and his wife well stricken in age, God answering his prayer and giving him a son and thou shall call his name John. He shall be great and turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.

We can see what it takes before God will hear and answer prayers. One must be a child of God.

In summing our lesson up, let us turn to see what the blind man had to say, that Jesus healed, while being questioned about this great event in his life. Who is this Jesus? We know that this man is a sinner (Jesus). Give God the praise!

John 9; 31

"Now we know that God heareth NOT sinners; but if any man be a worshipper of God and doeth his will, him he heareth."

I was blind, now I see.

Can you see how that God heareth His children and answers their prayers?

May God bless as you keep studying His word.

- Jimmy Ferguson