

Message Title: Seeking God or His Reward

Theme: There are thousands of books for sale on how to get what we want from God but few ask the question, why God doesn't answer more of our prayers. Could God answer more often? If He can than why doesn't He? The short answer is that He doesn't want to.

As small children we were totally dependent on our parents or guardians for everything. Oh, we never thought about the basic needs like food and shelter or even where the money came from to provide the luxuries in life such as entertainment or comfort. Our primary focus in life was trying to get what we wanted, when we wanted it. Our first effort as a baby was to cry and the volume, as we quickly learned was to communicate the seriousness of the need. As we grew, we developed much more effective and subtle ways to get our way. It has been said that children are the best sales people on earth, they never take no for an answer and continually find ways to adjust their sales presentation for better results.

Prayer is the way we present our requests to God, and much like children we look for ways to influence God to our way of thinking, but is that what God is looking for, a more effective presentation, or are we missing something more important here? This message addresses that very thing.

Salient Points: The churches focus in the last days, Why speak of God's glory, Focusing on church, How big is God, The Christian's routine, Why doesn't God answer more of our prayers, Duty prayers, Seeking what, Understanding as a child, The language of tears, Seeking Him or His, Just wanting more, God's reward, Rejected due to pride, Don't be the one, Thinking God is like us, Getting God's attention, Giving God what He wants, When does God respond, Luke warm love, The best of times, Stuck in the routine, Robbed by believers, For His own glory, Becoming more impressed, Change is on us, When God increases, Who does God do it for, Getting past the stuff, When it is all about Him, Seeing our awesome God, When the warmth is gone, The worst sin.

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The speaker would like you to know that all of these messages are in the chronological progression that God revealed them, and even though many may stand alone, they progress through several subjects that build on the previous lessons. This series of messages titled "Our Timeless Creator" (OTC), shift the focus from salvation and service, to understanding God. How He who needs nothing, benefits from creating the human race. It started in 2007 when God brought the speaker to Psalm 50:15 three times following the miraculous healing of his dying wife. It reads, ***“And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me”***. Following this he prayed fervently. "LORD, show me how to glorify you and I will do the best I can". The speaker had become a new creature, (2 Corinthians 5:17) on May 20 1973. At that moment the reality of GOD's existence and the direct connection to the Bible became miraculously clear. Overwhelmed with excitement he began telling everyone who had a few moments to listen, what he had found, like a man who had found a cure for a terminal illness, which everyone had. His excitement and enthusiasm continued for well over a year, even when many said, "you'll get over it." Slowly his efforts began to focus on responsibility and all the how-tos of service. As the excitement faded it was replaced with frustration. He had said many times "the most frustrating thing in life is, knowing what GOD could do and watch him not do it". In 2005 GOD began a work as described in Job 5:17-18, that changed everything. He says," it was much like when I first became a child of God all over again". He describes it like application of (2 Corinthians 3:18), "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord". Truly a life changing experience as God increases and we automatically decrease.