

Answers!

Lesson #10

Question #19: **Does God hear the prayer of the unsaved?**

Answer: **Yes. He does not have to answer them, although He can if they ask in His name.**

Illustration:

Cornelius was unsaved until Peter led him to Christ (see **Acts 11:14**). God heard the prayers of Cornelius prior to his salvation, and even complimented them (study **Acts 10:1-4**).

Illustration:

A man may help the neighbor children, or give them something if they ask, but he doesn't have to - they are not his children. But a good father *will* give his own children anything good that they ask for, because they *are* his children. (See **Matthew 7:11**.)

Explanation:

God does not hear the prayer of those who pray to false gods today (Allah, Buddha, etc.), just like he ignored those who prayed to Baal back then: **1 Kings 18:26**, "And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made."

But what about **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." ?

Explanation:

God inerrantly records the words of errant people. He accurately records in the Bible the words people say, even if those words are wrong. The blind man who said this meant well as he argued with the Pharisees, but he was wrong. God *does* hear the prayers of sinners. Every sinner who calls on Christ to save them, believing in Christ, is saved. For 2,000 years, God has heard the call of every sinner who had prayed in the will of God to be saved. See **Romans 10: 9,10,13**.

Further Notes:

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Question #20: **Will God forgive me for repeating the same sin over and over again?**

Answer: **Yes, but He will take corrective measures.**

Explanation:

When Jesus taught us to forgive, He gave two answers:

First, 490 times. **Matthew 18:21-22**, "Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven."

Second, Seven times in one day. **Luke 17:3-4**, "Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him."

Point to make: If God expects us to forgive someone who sins against us seven times in one day, won't He do the same for us?

Promise to keep: **1 John 1:9**, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Further Explanation:

Sometimes we don't stop committing the same sin over and over because we have no motivation to stop. Here are some good reasons to stop sinning:

1. God will chasten us - **Hebrews 12:6-7**
2. Our sins will withhold good things from us - **Jeremiah 5:25**
3. Our prayers will be hindered - **Psalms 66:18**
4. God's power in our life will be quenched - **Judges 16:20**
5. The next 3 generations might be plagued by it - **Exodus 34:7**
6. It may bring us a premature death - **1 John 5:16**
7. It reminds God of the death of His Son on Calvary - **Isaiah 43:25**
8. God's work might be destroyed by hypocrisy - **Ecclesiastes 9:18**
9. You might not hear from God anymore - **1 Samuel 28:6**
10. You might become God's enemy - **James 4:4**

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