

“Why Doesn’t God Answer My Prayers?”

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John 5:14 (Emphasis added) - “And we are confident that **HE HEARS US** whenever we ask for anything that pleases him.”

Jeremiah 33:3 (Emphasis added) - “Call to me and **I WILL ANSWER YOU** and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.”

A WORD OF CAUTION: The contents of this message are to be applied to your own circumstances and should never be used in an attempt to explain why God may be saying “no” to somebody else.

POSSIBLE REASONS GOD ANSWERS “NO”

1. God has a bigger _____ .

Isaiah 46:10 – “I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, ‘My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.’”

Proverbs 2:7-8 - “He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, ⁸for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.”

2. God has a better _____ .

Jeremiah 29:11 - “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Isaiah 55:8-9 – “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. ⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

3. God has a bolder _____ .

Psalm 57:2 (Emphasis added) - "I cry out to God Most High, to God who will FULFILL HIS PURPOSE FOR ME. "

II Corinthians 4:17-18 - "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

A. There are things in life we're never going to _____ until we get to heaven.

B. There are difficulties in our lives that are never going to _____ until we get to heaven.

C. Sometimes we suffer for the _____.

WHAT TO DO WHEN GOD ANSWER "NO"

1. Trust that God does everything in _____ .

Psalm 25:10 (Emphasis added) - "All the ways of the Lord are LOVING AND FAITHFUL toward those who keep the demands of his covenant."

2. Expect God to provide His _____ to handle His answer.

II Corinthians 12:8-10 - "Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."