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Topic: Many prayers are abomination to God – Part 1

Bible Reading: Proverbs 28:4-9

Introduction

Prayer is a form of communication with God, whereby people can express their wish before their Maker. It can be described as talking or conversing with the Lord. Prayer is an address, or petition to God based on your need or lack. It is a solemn request for assistance from God due to your situation, or expression of an earnest hope/wish from your Creator.

God alone answers prayers: God alone has the capability to answer prayer; if you are worth, He will listen to your prayer, and give you a favorable answer. Those who are praying to idols are wasting their time, because they are praying to gods that can neither save them, nor provide for their needs. **All humanity goes to the Lord; because He is the only One who hears prayers. God alone listens to the prayers of all living things and provides for them accordingly. Everyone who wants his/her prayer to be answered must come to God.** The Bible confirmed this statement by saying, “O You who hear prayer, to You all flesh will come.” **Psalm 65:2.** **Are you praying to God or idols? Do you know that God alone can give a favorable answer to your prayers, at no cost?**

Almighty God is the only God who answers prayers with fire, and He will answer your prayers with fire today, in Jesus name. God who answered the prayer of Elijah with fire will resolve the issues of your life without delay. The Book of Kings chronicled how God disgraced the prophets of Baal, and answered the prayer of Elijah with fire, by stating that, “And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, ‘Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people

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may know that You are the Lord God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again.’ Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, ‘The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!’” **1 Kings 18:25-39.**

Not all prayers are answered by the Lord: God will not answer all prayers; because most of the prayers of mankind are an abomination to the Lord. Though, God had good plans for all flesh; however, the majority of people are displeasing God, in a manner that will make Him reverse His decision concerning the good things with which He had promised to bless them. Nowadays, many people in the world are disobedient to the Lord; therefore, He will not listen to their prayers and also cancel His good plans for them. It should be noted that God will neither assist nor answer the prayers of the people who behave wickedly from His perspective. **You must not turn to evil, if you want the purpose of your existence to come to pass.** Any nation that wants God’s purpose for her to be established, must abstain from sins; according to the Book of Jeremiah which says, “If it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it.” **Jeremiah 18:10.** **If you don’t want God to relent concerning His good resolution for you, flee from a lustful lifestyle. If you want your prayers to be answered; please the Lord. You must keep yourself holy, and pray to the Lord at an acceptable time for your prayers to be answered.** Remember that the design of God for your life will be established, if you pray to Him in a pleasing manner.

God is angry with prayers of many people: The prayers of the majority of the people in the world are detestable to the Lord; because they refused to renounce Satan and his works. Most people don’t receive answers to their prayer; since it is an abomination to the Lord. God will not answer the prayers of multitude of people; because they are making Him to be angry.

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Will the Lord be annoyed with the prayers of mankind? Yes; for how long? Until they repent and turn fully to the Lord. The scripture corroborated this fact by saying, “O Lord God of hosts, how long will You be angry against the prayer of Your people?” **Psalm 80:4.**

Do you think that your prayers are irritating the Lord? If the Lord is angry with the prayers of His people; don't you think it is time to change, so that your prayers will be answered? Since the Lord does not listen to sinners, are you ready to worship Him faithfully? Are you prepared to love and obey Him, so that your petitions will be answered? If you are devoted and do the will of God; you will receive a favorable answer to your solemn requests; according to the Book of John which says, “Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.” **John 9:31.**

You must be obedient, and fear God before your prayers can be answered. Hence, hear the voice of God today; don't be stubborn like those who rebelled but yield. Change when you still have opportunity, do not be like your ancestors who provoked the Lord and faced the consequences. As it is written, “while it is said: Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” **Hebrews 3:15.** Learn from what happened to the people of Israel in the wilderness, therefore, do not turn against God; else your prayers will not be answered. Your conducts must neither provoke God nor embitter your Creator; otherwise, He will be angry against your prayers.

God will not hear the prayer of the wicked: God always distances Himself from the wicked people and He will not listen to their prayers. The Lord will not hear the petitions of the evildoers; but He will promptly answer the prayers of all those who obey Him. **God will hear only the solemn requests of the people with spiritual integrity and moral courage;** inasmuch as the supplications of the sinful people are an abomination to Him. **Christians must do what is right constantly; before God will listen to their pleas.** The Book of

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Proverbs testified to this statement by saying, “The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous.” **Proverbs 15:29.** **The conditionality for God to listen to your prayer is to be in right standing with Him. You must abstain from immorality, if you don’t want God to ignore your petitions. Obedience and uprightness are what will make you to receive a favorable answer from the Lord.**

You must turn away from every form of wickedness, if you don’t want both your prayers and offerings to be offensive to the Lord. Whoever wants the Lord to favor his/her pleas must do right at all times. The gifts of many people in the world are disgusting to the Lord; because of their dishonesty and iniquities. If you want your Creator to be happy whenever you pray to Him, you must be moral and decent. Since the Lord is pleased whenever good people pray, but detests the sacrifices of the base/corrupt people, why not be virtuous? According to the Bible passage which says, “The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, but the prayer of the upright is His delight.” **Proverbs 15:8.** **Do not forget that honesty and decency are what will make your prayers acceptable to the Lord.**

The prayers of the Beloved will please the Lord and be His joy, if they are ethical and righteous; but if they fill their minds with sin, He will not hear their prayers. God will not listen to whoever cherishes evil in his/her heart. Anyone who wants a favorable answer from the Lord must shun every form of ungodliness. **You must expel sinful thoughts from your mind, if you want God to answer promptly whenever you call upon him;** according to the Book of Psalms which says, “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear.” **Psalm 66:18.** Do you have lustful plans in your heart? Are you plotting against other people? **Is wickedness your favorite pastime?** Are you considering evil in your heart, or you are thinking of forsaking it? Do you ignore your sins or you are taking steps to rectify your ways? Do not procrastinate; change today, so that God will answer your prayers.

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Turn from iniquities to God

Most people in the world are rebellious in one way or the other; they always resist the authority of their Creator. Majority of people are openly challenging the statutes of the Lord; under the guise of freedom of speech, while others are defying His directives. Many people across the globe are disobedient; they refuse to obey the instructions of the Lord; yet they expect their prayers to be answered. Nowadays, people are so corrupt, to the extent that they don't want to listen to the commands of their Maker. The deception of numerous people makes it impossible for them to pay attention to the teachings of the Lord. If you are among those who turned against God, don't you think that your prayers will be an abomination to God?

If you turn a deaf ear to the directives of the Lord, don't you think that He will not hear your cry for help? If you cannot be trusted, do you think that your Maker will give you a favorable answer to your prayers? You must turn from iniquities and be obedient; if you want God to listen to your pleas, when you are in trouble or in time of need. The Bible confirmed this fact by saying "That this is a rebellious people, lying children who will not hear the law of the Lord." Isaiah 30:9. Are you supporting people who are opposing the law of God? Are you encouraging people to defy God under the guise of freedom of religion? You must not be stubborn, or refuse to pay attention to the instructions of the Lord, if you don't want Him to abhor your prayers.

God will not listen to your prayers, if you refuse to listen to His voice and keep His commandments. It is inevitable for you to pay attention when the Lord calls out to you; else He will pay no

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attention when you petition Him for assistance. If you don't listen when God speaks, then He will not answer when you pray to Him; according to the scripture which says, "Therefore it happened, that just as He proclaimed and they would not hear, so they called out and I will not listen says the Lord of hosts." Zechariah 7:13. **If you don't want your prayers to be detestable to the Lord, you must listen to Him by doing what is right and acceptable to Him.**

You need to realize that you will be rewarded according to your deeds. God can neither be bribed nor deceived; He will answer your prayers by giving you a favorable answer if you are honest and obedient. However, if you are dishonest and rebellious, He will neither listen to you nor answer your prayers. Inasmuch as God is not a human that can be influenced; He will not tell lies or change His mind. Humans are the ones that are subject to changing their minds; God will not relent until you change, before He will answer your prayers; according to the Book of Samuel which says, "And also the strength of Israel will not lie nor relent. For He is not a man, that he should relent." 1 Samuel 15:29. **Since God is not a mortal who will relent; your prayers will continue to be an abomination to Him until you repent and change your lifestyle.**

Calamities are prevalent due to iniquities: Humans are not listening to the voice of God anymore; they prefer the deceits of the Devil. Nowadays, people are not walking in the Laws of God by which people will find life, if they obey them. Many people are rejecting the teachings of the Bible, and the messages that God sent through His prophets. Countless people refused to obey God by disregarding His instructions; and this act gave rise to disasters throughout the world. By ignoring the Laws of God; the curses written in the Bible were activated, and catastrophes became widespread in the world. Mankind needs to return to God in order to stop the curses and the punishments that are presently afflicting the world. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying "We have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His laws, which he set before us by His servants the prophets. Yes, all Israel has

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transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out to us, because we have sinned against Him.” **Daniel 9:10-11.** **Tragedies are rampant across the globe due to the curses written in the Bible and judgments of God; because people are ignoring the Laws of God and His teachings. The only way to stop this pandemic is to turn away from iniquities.**

Nations should not be deceived because of their independence or sovereignty; because God will use the works of His hand to fight or afflict them; by destroying their lands and economies. Unless the countries of the world obey the Lord, and act according to His instructions; their prayers will not be answered, and disasters will come upon them. The only way for the Nations to escape punishments is to listen to the voice of the Lord. Any country that doesn't want plague or terrible things to happen to her must obey the commands of God; according to the Bible passage which says, “And they came in and took possession of it, but they have not obeyed Your voice or walked in Your law. They have done nothing of all that You commanded them to do; therefore You have caused all this calamity to come upon them.” **Jeremiah 32:23.** **Do you think your country is among those that refused to obey God or follow His words? If the answer is yes; then, the inhabitants of your country must change quickly; they must beg for forgiveness and entreat the favor of the Lord, by turning from iniquities. Nations must renounce their wrongdoings and place value in the truth; in order to escape calamities. Honesty and faithfulness to God is what can establish any Nation under the sky.**

Hence, every Nation should stop practicing and encouraging evil acts; else, God will not listen to their prayers, but hide His face from them. It is inevitable for people to turn away from iniquities; so that whenever they are begging God for assistance, he will not turn away from them. Whoever doesn't want God to turn His back on him/her during his/her time of need must depart from wickedness. The only way for the Lord to hear your cry, and give

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you a favorable answer is to abstain from sinful lifestyle; according to the scripture which says, “Then they will cry to the Lord, but He will not hear them; He will even hide His face from them at that time, because they have been evil in their deeds.” **Micah 3:4.** **Do you really expect God to answer your prayers; after all the evil that you have done? Do you think God will help you in times of trouble if you don't change? Are you ignoring evil acts? God will not look at you, or answer your prayers; if you are tolerating evil acts.**

God listens to the righteous: We need to know that whatever anyone does is what God will reciprocate. The Lord will treat the unfaithful people as their deeds deserve; but treat the sincere with love. God will bless the good people; but show Himself astute to the crooked, and perverse people. **We need to understand that God will never do wrong to those who have done no wrong; however, He will outsmart the wicked, no matter how clever they are.** The Bible testified to this fact by saying, “With the pure You will show Yourself pure; and with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd,” **2 Samuel 22:27; Psalm 18:26.** **It is clear from the passage that you must be blameless; else your prayers will become an abomination to the Lord. Do not forget that if you are blameless, your prayers will receive a favorable answer, and you will greatly please your Creator.**

The people with twisted minds are repulsive and shamefully vile to the Lord; but the upright are His delight. Inasmuch as the Lord favors those whose path is innocent; but detests people with crooked hearts, why not change today? Since the perverse-hearted are an abomination to God, why not be sincere in all your ways? It is time for you to purify your heart, and have a good conscience before the Lord; so that He will not abhor your prayers; according to the Bible passage which says, “Those who are of a perverse heart are an abomination to the Lord, but the blameless in their ways are His delight.” **Proverbs 11:20.** **For God to be delighted in you, you must not be stubborn but good in all your**

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ways/dealings. Since God hates deceivers; why not do acceptable things, so that He will love you?

You must not be evil-minded, but walk with integrity, if you want God to take pleasure in you. Since God hates the sneaky people; you must start living right to be among His favorites, because His eyes are on the righteous. The Lord watches over everyone who obeys Him, and He listens to their prayers; but He opposes everyone who does evil. You must be upright, before God will be attentive to your prayers. Inasmuch as God cannot tolerate those who do evil; you must not do evil, else His face will turn against you. As it is written, "For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." 1 Peter 3:12. You must be in right standing with God if you want your prayers to be answered. If you don't want frustration and defeat; do what is right.

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Topic: Many prayers are abomination to God – Part 3

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Repent for your prayers to be answered

Humans need to repent, for their prayers not to be an abomination to the Lord. Repentance is a necessity for anyone who intends to inherit the kingdom of heaven. Without repentance, humans cannot please God, or receive forgiveness of sins; according to the Book of Acts which says “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.” **Acts 3:19. Turn to God now; give up your sins, and your sins will be forgiven.**

Repent today; so that your sins will be erased, and your prayers will be answered. **Since God has disregarded your times of ignorance, but now He directs everyone throughout the world to repent. It is inevitable for you to change your heart and life, if you don't want your prayers to be an abomination.** For your prayers to receive a favorable answer, you must follow the instructions of God by turning away from your evil ways to God; according to the scripture which says, “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent.” **Acts 17:30. Inasmuch as God has pardoned your past sins, you must repent today because tomorrow may be too late.**

You must show remorse for your wrongdoings, and be sorry for your transgressions; else they will be the cause of your downfall. Sin will not only make your prayer to be an abomination to God, but it will also destroy you; according to the Book of Ezekiel which says, “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways,” says the Lord God. ‘Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin.’” **Ezekiel 18:30. If you don't want sin to make you to lose the kingdom of heaven, repent now. For God to listen to your prayers, you must**

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show remorse for your sins. If you want your prayers to be answered; instead of becoming an abomination, you must change and turn to God.

You will be judged, unless you repent: You must not delay your repentance; else you will be judged. Do not procrastinate because time is of essence for you to repent; else God will respond with wrath and He will not pity you. The Lord will punish the unrepentant people without mercy, and He will refuse to help them when they cry out to Him; according to the Bible passage which says, "Therefore I also will act in fury. My eye will not spare nor will I have pity; and though they cry in my ears with a loud voice, I will not hear them." Ezekiel 8:18. You must quickly repent if you don't want to be judged; else, when you pray to God for mercy, He will not listen; instead, He will hide His eyes from you.

When the impenitent people spread forth their hands in prayer pleading for God's assistance; He will not listen. Hence, people need to show remorse for their iniquities; else God will refuse to look at them or answer their countless prayers. The statement/verdict is not limited to people with blood stained hands, but it is for all sinners. For this reason, if you are violent or remorseless, no matter how much you pray, God will neither listen nor give you a favorable answer. The Book of Isaiah corroborated this fact by saying "When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood." Isaiah 1:15. You must abstain from sins; if you want God to look at you and answer your prayers whenever you lift up your hands in prayer.

Repent and abhor your sinful lifestyle: Human needs repentance; for his/her prayers to be answered by the Lord. Without repentance, every prayer will be an abomination to God and He will hide His face from mankind. The primary mission of our Lord Jesus Christ on earth is to give repentance to mankind. He sent His disciples to declare that people should repent because the kingdom of

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heaven is at hand. Jesus knew that without repentance humans cannot please His heavenly Father, so He advised people to bear fruits that are worthy of repentance. The importance of repentance made Christ to proclaim that, “I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.” **Luke 5:32. Anyone who does not repent has disobeyed the instructions of Jesus Christ, and the prayer of such a person is an abomination to God.** If you don't want the efforts of the Lord to be in vain, repent and abstain from your sinful lifestyle.

It is time for you to show signs of remorse for your past wrongdoings for your prayers to please God. You must retract your hateful and sinful statements, and amend your ways for the Lord to be delighted in you. You must be sorry for your mistakes and relent from pursuing worldliness, if you want God to answer your prayers. You need to hate yourself for your past atrocities and exhibit sorrow for your lustful activities. Hence, turn from your evil ways and wrongdoings so that you will live peacefully in your community. If you stop your evil deeds and change positively, God will not bring disaster upon your community; according to the Book of Jeremiah which says, “They said, ‘Repent now everyone of his evil way and his evil doings, and dwell in the land that the Lord has given to you and your fathers forever and ever.’” **Jeremiah 25:5. The only way to prevent being numbered as a refugee; due to catastrophe or war is to quickly repent and turn to God; who will answer your prayer by giving you a favorable answer.**

Repentance will make your prayers to be answered: King David repented after he ordered the census of the people of Israel. Though God judged him; but he exhibited signs of remorse. God instructed the angel to stop the plague and the angel ceased from destroying the people of Israel and Judah. The Book of Samuel chronicled this event by saying “.....And David built there an altar to the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord heeded the prayers for the land, and the plague was withdrawn from Israel.” **2 Samuel 24:10-25.**

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Jonah also repented in the belly of the fish and he prayed to the Lord who directed the fish to spit Jonah out onto the beach. The Book of Jonah described the event by saying, “..... So the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.” Jonah 2:1-10. Repent today, so that your prayers will not become an abomination to the Lord.

Anyone who repents and turns from his/her sins will live, and God will answer the prayer of such a person. Do not forget that repentance is the key that will preserve your life and make you to receive a favorable answer from the Lord; according to the Bible passage which says, “But if a wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.” Ezekiel 18:21.

Even if God announces to destroy an evil Nation; if that Nation turns from her evil ways, God will change His mind. God will reverse His decision to cause devastation in any country that turns from doing wrong. If the people of your country renounce their evil ways; then God will not bring any planned catastrophe on your country; according to the Book of Jeremiah which says, “If that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it.” Jeremiah 18:8. Do you think that the inhabitants of your country are ready to turn from evil to good? What efforts are you making so that your community will renounce their evil ways? Repentance is what will make God to cancel the calamity that He wanted to bring upon you.

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Bible Reading: Proverbs 28:4-9

Sanctification and dedication must be maintained

People need to know that they must purify themselves, and be devoted to the Lord; else, their prayers will be an abomination to Him. Without consecration and commitment all prayers will be detestable to God; but the earthlings who are behaving in contrary ways want their prayers to be answered by the Lord. Nowadays the fear of God is lost among mankind; so many people are undermining the fear of God and they are hindering devotion before Him. Countless Nations across the globe are abolishing the fear of God, through their contrary laws or constitutions thereby restraining praying to Almighty God. Majority of the communities throughout the world neither have fear of God nor reverence for Him. Even the words of many Christians are enough to make others turn from God, and lead them to doubt.

The Book of Job attested to this fact by saying, “Yes, you cast off fear, and restrain prayer before God.” Job 15:4. Is your country promulgating any law that is making the words of God ineffective? Is your country among the Nations that are limiting the worship of God? Are you invalidating respect for God in one way or the other? Don’t you think that your conducts will not make people to fear God? Don’t you think that your attitudes are making/causing others to lose their respect for God? You must not ignore your duty to revere Almighty God throughout your existence.

The mindset of numerous Christians these days after they have acted treacherously over and over again; is to go to the church and give offerings; thinking that their offerings will remove their wickedness and cancel the consequences of their sins; so that they will escape the judgment of God. Countless Believers will carry out evil schemes; yet they will come into the church without

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repentance to offer sacrifices to the Lord, believing that their sacrifices will prevent tragedy from coming upon them; such people are just deceiving themselves.

Though the Christians are the Beloved of God; but they usually come into the presence of God to make a pledge after doing terrible things without penitence; with the expectation that the pledge will protect them from catastrophe; this is a 'pipe dream.' The Book of Jeremiah affirmed this fact by saying, "What has My Beloved to do in My house, having done lewd deeds with many? And the holy flesh has passed from you. When you do evil, then you rejoice." **Jeremiah 11:15.**

Do you take pleasure in lustful/sinful things? Is wickedness your pastime? Do you think that offerings will not make you to pay for the vile things that you have done? Do you think that your sacrifices or donations will prevent the judgment of God from coming upon you? Do you know that your immorality and unrepentant attitude had cancelled your right to the presence of God? Do you know that repentance can make God to overlook your wrongdoings and stop your punishment? God cannot be bribed; so, unless you change, you cannot escape destruction and your prayers will not be answered.

Even if several people are praying for you, or begging God to rescue you from your situations/enemies; He will not listen until you repent. It is a common occurrence for congregations of churches to be praying for certain people; but God will not listen to such prayers, until the beneficiaries of the prayers change and turn to God. If you expect God to answer the prayers of the people in the churches or the mountains concerning you; without you first bringing forth fruits that are worthy for repentance; you are just deceiving yourself; according to the Bible passage which says, "So do not pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer for them; for I will not hear them in the time that they cry out to Me because of their trouble." **Jeremiah 11:14.**

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If you don't want your prayers to be an abomination to God, be honest. You must do what is right at all times, before God will listen to you when you cry to Him in distress. When people offer pleas or petitions to God on your behalf while you remain unrepentant; God will turn a deaf ear to their pleas; according to the Book of Jeremiah which says, "Therefore do not pray for this people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them, nor make intercession to Me; For I will not hear you." Jeremiah 7:16. You must be penitent before any appeal or request made to God on your behalf can receive a favorable answer. You must be remorseful, when people are interceding for you in the presence of God; else it will be in vain. If you want the assistance of the heavens in every area of your life, depart from your sinful lifestyle.

Integrity and uprightness are essential: Honesty and decency are what will make your prayers not to be an abomination to the Lord. So, you must be virtuous and righteous, before God will listen to your prayers. If you want God to give you a favorable answer and live a fulfilled life; you must exhibit integrity and uprightness in all your ways; according to the Book of Psalm which says, "Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You." Psalm 25:21. We can deduce from the passage; that sincerity and godliness are the catalysts that will make God to listen to your cry, and answer your prayers.

The same conditionality was given to King Solomon by the Lord; when Solomon presented his requests before God, during the dedication of the temple that he built for God. 1 Kings 8:37-53. However, when God appeared to King Solomon in a dream to give response to his requests; the Lord mentioned the conditionality. The Bible chronicled the event by saying, "And the Lord said to him: 'I have heard your prayers and your supplication that you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built to put My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. Now if you walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart

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and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments....” **1 Kings 9:3-8.**

The passages clarified that if Solomon walks in integrity and uprightness, his kingdom will be established; but if he or his descendants do otherwise, they will be judged and punished. Then, the temple will become a heap of rubble; and the people passing by will be appalled and they will scoff at it. **The same prerequisite applies to all humans. It is either you are upright and your prayers will be answered; or you are unrepentant and your prayers will be an abomination to the Lord. The choice is yours, but we pray that you will make the right choice, in Jesus name.**

Form a relationship with God: Today is the day that you must form a bond of fellowship and friendship with your Creator; because tomorrow may be too late. Seek God now, and form an alliance with your Maker. Maintain your relationship with God and revive your prayer sessions; do not wait until you are punished before you turn to God and pray to Him. **Numerous people usually seek God whenever they are in distress; and they will pray to Him, only because of His judgment that is upon them; this group of people is hypocritical.** The godless people only remember God when they are in trouble; It is then that they will pray for succor; according to the scripture which says, “Lord in trouble they have visited You, they poured out a prayer when Your chastening was upon them.” **Isaiah 26:16.**

Is your relationship with God sour or active? Are you ready to seek God now, in order for His mercy to reduce your punishment? Unless you reactivate your closeness to God, and revive our prayer life; God will refuse to listen when you pray for assistance. The only way that will make God not to ignore your prayers; is to change and turn to Him. If you repent and form a bond with your Maker; God will not shut out your prayers whenever you cry to Him for help; according to the Book of Lamentations which says, “Even when I cry and shout, He shuts out my prayers.” **Lamentations**

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3:8. We pray that God will listen to your prayers, and He will give you a favorable answer, in Jesus name.

Since God does not discriminate and He is not biased; He will rescue the honest people from their distress, whenever they call upon Him. When the upright pray to God; He will listen to their prayers and deliver them from their troubles; immaterial of their race, gender and age. The Book of Psalms corroborated this fact by saying, "The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles." Psalm 34:17. If you want God to listen to your cry for assistance; repent and do what is right. You must form a bond with your Creator today; because tomorrow may be too late. We pray that God will answer all your good prayers, in Jesus name. Amen.

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Do what is right

Humans must do what is right at all times in order for God to be delighted in their prayers. Anyone who wants his/her prayers to be answered by the Lord must abstain from iniquities; because the Lord's arm is not too weak to save people from their enemies or situations, and His ear is not impaired that He cannot hear their cry for assistance. Almighty God does not lack the power to save you from the problems that are troubling your mind; in fact His powerful strength can save you from the invisible spirits that are working contrarily to derail your journey. The ear of the Lord is not dull with deafness that it cannot hear your cry for help; He will hear and answer your prayers, if they are not an abomination to Him. It is the wickedness of people that is causing separation between them and their Maker.

The roadblock between mankind and our God is our misdeeds; that is why God doesn't answer prayers of many people, or allow them to see His merciful face. God doesn't listen to numerous people who are worshipping Him; because of their sinful lifestyle and He always turns away from whoever that is not worshipping Him in beauty of holiness. The major barrier between humans and their Creator is our sins; Are you ready to depart from unrighteousness so that God will make His face to shine on you? Do you know that if you continue with your nefarious acts; God will conceal His face from you, and He will not listen to your prayers? Since the Lord is neither very weak to save, nor too deaf to hear whenever you call upon Him; are you prepared to do what is right so that you will not be cut off from God?

The Book of Isaiah clarified these statements by saying, "Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy that

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it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.” **Isaiah 59:1-2.** Are you ready to stop whatever that is causing a rift between you and God? Are you prepared to embrace godliness instead of wickedness? Do you know that God will make His face to shine on you and listen to your prayers; if you worship Him with pure heart and clear conscience? It is time to depart from your nauseous ways; if you don't want God to reject you, and count your prayers as an abomination.

God cannot stand the prayers of the disobedient: Do not disobey the instructions of God; because the prayers of those who refused to follow the instructions of the Lord are repulsive to God. The only way for your prayers to be acceptable to the Lord is to live a Christ-like life. Obedience and godliness are the virtues that will prompt God to give you a favorable answer concerning your prayer requests. If you are one of the disobedient; your prayer will be disgusting to the Lord because He cannot stand the prayers of the disobedient.

Nowadays, countless people in the world are not listening to the teachings of the Lord; yet they want Him to listen to their prayers. The prayer of anyone who refuses to listen to God's teachings is detestable to Him. So, if you do not obey the law, God will find your prayers too hateful to hear. You need to realize that God cannot stand the prayers of anyone who disobeys His law; therefore, if you fail to act according to what you have been taught by godly people in the Churches; then your prayers will be an abomination to God.

Since God doesn't listen to the prayers of those who flout the law; you must not disregard the Law of the Lord. If you want a favorable answer from God; you must follow His instructions; according to the Book of Proverbs which says, “One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer, is an abomination.” **Proverbs 28:9.** If you don't want God to detest your prayers; do not ignore

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His law. You must never turn a deaf ear to the instructions of the Lord during your lifetime; instead pay attention to His commands, so that your prayers will not become an abomination.

Many of the disobedient people who failed to follow the instructions of the Lord usually die prematurely. Though they may enjoy their time in this world in prosperity, however, they usually die unexpectedly. These people may be successful without a worry, until the day they die; but they will not be given an access to the kingdom of God; because they are not worthy. They may live in happiness during their lifetime, and quietly die without suffering; but they will still end their journeys in Satan's camp; according to the scripture which says, "They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave." **Job 21:13. You must pay attention to the directives of the Lord, if you don't want to die suddenly. It must also be understood that living your life in pleasure and opulence during your existence does not mean you will inherit the eternal kingdom of God.**

Remember that the wicked may grow like weeds, and those who do wrong may prosper; yet they are doomed to destruction. Even if the sinful grow up like grass and all goes well with evildoers; they will be pulled up by their roots. Those who do wrong may succeed and glisten during their lifetime; but it will be temporary because destruction will soon overtake them. Those who are committing atrocities and injustice may blossom and progress in life, but they will be destroyed eternally. As it is written, "When the wicked spring up like grass, and when all the workers of iniquity flourish, it is that they may be destroyed forever." **Psalms 92:7. If you don't want to be uprooted and destroyed forever, be obedient.**

You must stop practicing iniquities, and adhere to the instructions of the Lord; for your prayers not to be an abomination and for your life to be meaningful. When you conduct yourself in aforementioned manners; it is then that God will answer your prayers with fire. Anyone who establishes the words of the Lord in

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his/her heart and keeps them, when such a person prays to God; He will answer promptly. God will hear your prayers from heaven, if you listen to His teachings and take them to heart. **The conditionality for your prayers to be answered is submission and humility before God.**

Whoever returns to God and abstain from unrighteousness will be renewed. **God will bless you and restore your life if you stop condoning injustice;** then He will give a favorable answer to your prayers; according to the Book of Job which says, “You will make your prayers to Him, He will answer you, and you will pay your vows.” **Job 22:27. You must clean up your life, if you don’t want your prayers to be an abomination.** It is inevitable for you to listen to the instructions of the Lord and store them in your heart, if you want your prayers to be answered.

Nations must beware of contrary ideologies: Today, contrary ideologies are rampant in the world. Many faithless Nations across the globe are challenging the authority of Almighty God. In fact, numerous countries are denying the existence of God; thereby restricting the worshipping of God through their contrary laws/constitutions, and they are persecuting the Believers in every possible way. These Nations are promoting their ideologies which are based on their loyalty to idols or political parties; rather than Almighty God their Maker.

These countries are elevating humans and idols more than God. They are exalting creations more than one and only Almighty God their Creator. These Nations are saying that God should leave them alone; because they have no desire to know His ways. The acts of these countries portend that God should not bother them with His teachings; because they take no pleasure in knowing His ways. **At times, the leaders of these Nations will declare publicly that they don’t want any part of God and His ways.**

The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, “Yet they say to God, ‘Depart from us, for we do not desire the knowledge of Your ways.’”

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Job 21:14. Are you living in a country with contrary ideologies? Does your country believe in the living God? Is your Nation prepared to know the will of God for her? Do you think that your country is exalting humans, idols or anything in this world more than God? If so, you must proclaim to the populace to change; else calamities will come upon them with no one to save them.

These Nations with contrary ideologies always ignore the messages of the Lord, and they don't pay attention to His warnings. When such countries are in distress and they call upon the Lord; He will not answer them; when they ask for God's assistance; He will not listen to them. They will search for the Lord to resolve their situations, but they will not find Him; because they rejected the way of the Lord and they refused to respect Him. These Nations are not interested in the messages of the Lord, and they don't pay attention when the Lord is warning them.

The scripture attested to this fact by saying "Because you disdained all My counsel and would not have none of My rebuke, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes, when your terror comes like a storm, and your destruction comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish comes upon you. 'Then they will call on Me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but they will not find Me. Because they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord; they would have none of My counsel and despised My every rebuke.'"

Proverbs 1:25-30.

Nations must serve the Lord: Many countries in the world don't believe in praying to God. Numerous Nations believe that pleading with the Lord is a waste of productive time. Their question is 'What can/do we gain from praying to God and worshiping Him? The perception among the countries with contrary ideologies is that; there is no need to serve God, and there is no advantage that can be derived from praying to Him. The leaders of these Nations always think that their buoyant economies are due to their smart policies, rather than the intervention of God. They always depend

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on their military prowess and their positions on the world stage; instead of relying on God; according to the Bible passage which says, “Who is the Almighty that we should serve Him? And what profit do we have if we pray to Him?” **Job 21:15.**

Do you think that your country is obedient? Are you declaring the benefits of serving and praying to God in your Nation? Do they know in your country that the residents of your Nation will progress if they believe in Almighty God? Do they know in your Nation that the divine peace of God will dominate your land if the inhabitants are prayerful? It is your duty to enlighten people to acknowledge their Creator who made all their achievements possible. Because whatever that they have achieved is not by their power, but the grace of God. Humans need God, since they cannot succeed by their strength or power. Therefore,.... ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit’ says the Lord of hosts.” **Zechariah 4:6.**

Nations must also realize that; whatever that is good and perfect comes from God; therefore they should stop bragging about their capabilities; according to the Book of James which says, “Every good gift is from above, and comes from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.” **James 1:17.** **For this reason, whatever position that any country occupies on the world stage is neither by the strength nor the power of her citizens: but it is due to the grace of God.**

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Topic: Many prayers are abomination to God – Part 6

Bible Reading: Proverbs 28:4-9

Ask and you will receive from God

Jesus Christ, our Lord guaranteed that when we ask things from God; it will be given to us. **He gave the assurance that we will receive whatever that we ask in our prayers;** according to the scripture which says, “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” **Matthew 7:7, Luke 11:9.** **Today, people are not receiving what they ask from the Lord because their prayers are an abomination to God. Humans need to investigate themselves; in order to know what is voiding this great promise from the Savior of the world.**

Though Jesus Christ promised by saying “Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.” **Matthew 18:19.** However, **it is a common occurrence to see several people on the prayer mountains; coordinating together and praying fervently about certain issues; still their prayers are not answered; because they are disgusting to God. Nowadays, the prayer warriors always come together in one mind and pray seriously in countless Churches; yet the prayers offered did not receive a favorable answer, due to certain reason/reasons. Even the whole congregation of a Church can be in agreement, and pray to God about certain things, and it will yield no result; because their prayer is not pleasing to God.**

This is a wake up call for the Believers to check themselves, and make appropriate amendments. **The Christian Societies need to quickly counter, and destroy the strategy that Satan is using to nullify the promise/promises of God; in their midst. Christians must be vigilant and abstain from contrary conducts that are obstructing their prayers; in the presence of God.** So, if you want

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to receive whatever you ask for in prayer; do what is right and acceptable to the Lord.

Many are not receiving from God: God did not answer the prayers of countless people in the world; because of their wrong motives and they want to use it for lustful purposes. Numerous people are not receiving favorable answers from the Lord because they ask inappropriately. God will not answer your prayer if you ask with the wrong purpose. The prayer of anyone who asks with evil intentions is an abomination to the Lord. If you want your prayers to be answered; you must not pray for selfish reasons; or intend to waste it on your cravings. The Book of James corroborated this fact by saying, "You ask and do not receive because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures." **James 4:3.** Do you intend to use whatever that you are asking from God on passions? Do you know that God will not give you whatever that you are asking with an unrighteous agenda? Do you have wicked motives for what you have been praying since ages? You will never receive whatever that you ask with the intention of using it for concupiscence. Your prayers will be an abomination to God; if you ask out of selfish purposes, or you are self-centered. Therefore, do nothing from selfish ambition so that God will be delighted in your prayers.

God always answer the upright promptly

God always listens to the honest people and gives them a favorable answer without any delay. You must be upright if you want God to answer immediately, whenever you cry out to Him for assistance. We will mention some of the upright people stated in the Bible and how God resolved their issues.

Elijah blessed the widow of Zarephath: Prophet Elijah said the word of authority to King Ahab that there will be neither rain nor dew until he commanded it. Therefore there was famine in the land; so, the Lord commanded the ravens to bring bread and meat to Elijah, in the

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morning and in the evening; and Elijah was drinking from the water of Brook Cherith. When the brook dried up, Elijah went to Zarephath. He met a widow who catered for him; and he blessed the widow by saying “The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.” God fulfilled the promise that Elijah made to the widow; because her bowl of flour and her jug of oil were never empty throughout the duration of the famine **1 Kings 17:1-16.**

Elijah revived the widow’s son: The widow’s son was sick and he died. Elijah prayed to the Lord and stretched three times on the corpse of the widow’s son. Then the Lord heard the voice of Elijah because of his uprightness, the soul of the boy returned and he was alive again. **1 Kings 17:17-22.** You must be righteous before the Lord will answer your prayers.

God heard the prayer of Elijah and rain fell: Elijah prayed to God and rain fell after three years. Elijah called upon the Lord and God answered him with fire in order to disgrace the prophets of Baal. Then God sent downpour over the land after three years of famine **1 Kings 18:25-45.** God that answered Elijah with fire is alive and we pray that He will answer all your prayers with fire in Jesus name.

Fifteen years was added to Hezekiah’s lifespan: When Hezekiah became ill to the point of death; God sent prophet Isaiah to him to make arrangements, and set his affairs in order; because he will not recover from the illness. King Hezekiah prayed seriously to God who listened to his petitions. God instructed Isaiah to return to Hezekiah that he will be healed and fifteen years had been added to his lifespan **2 Kings 20:1-6.** As the Lord lives and does not change; your terminal sickness will not result in your demise, in Jesus name. God that healed Hezekiah will heal the source of your life; He will give you good health and sound mind, in Jesus name.

Cornelius received the Holy Spirit: God baptized Cornelius and his people who are not Jews with the Holy Spirit; as Apostle Peter was

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preaching to them. Cornelius saw an angel when he was praying; the angel instructed him to send people to go to fetch Peter who was residing with Simon the tanner. When Peter came and started preaching; everyone present in Cornelius' house received the Holy Spirit **Acts 10:1-46**. God that bestowed the Holy Spirit on Cornelius and his people will fill your life with gifts of the Holy Spirit; that are necessary to sustain you in your Christianity journey. God will use you mightily for His glory, in Jesus name.

Finally, since we are at the end time, and the culmination of all things is near. Christians must be sound-minded and self-controlled for the purpose of prayer. **Inasmuch as everything will soon come to an end; Believers must be alert and clear headed; so that they can increase the tempo of their prayers. If you do not want your prayers to be an abomination; be sober and self-restrained during your prayer sessions. Since the end of the world is coming soon, why not be earnest and disciplined in your prayers?** The Bible testified to this fact by saying, "But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers." **1 Peter 4:7**. **Time is near, when all things except God and the heavens will expire; therefore take nothing for granted, and do not slumber spiritually; but stay awake in prayer. Be virtuous and honest in all your ways, so that your prayers will be answered.**

The Seal: John 14:13-14: "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

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