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DOES GOD ANSWER PRAYER?

In reading the Bible, we know that God has answered prayers in the past. Does God still answer prayer? That is a question that every bornagain believer needs to ask at least once in his lifetime. I have prayed tens of thousands of prayers during my life. Some were answered right away, some received an answer later, and then there are many unanswered prayers as I see it, but to some prayers, God simply said no.

Time is another factor we must examine. God operates on a different eternal scale of time than humanity and the apostle Peter was given a conversion table.

"But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." (2 Peter 3:8)

If one day with the Lord is equal to a thousand years for mankind, we can deduce eternity time by dividing 1,000 years by 24 hours:

- One hour with God is 41.67 years for man.
- One minute with God is 8 months and 8 days for man.
- One second with God is 3 days and 22 hours for man.

ISRAEL IN EGYPT

The Bible tells us that the children of Israel lived in Egypt for a period of 430 years. That is the equivalent of 10.3 days for God. They lived in peace until a new Pharaoh came to power and began to oppress them greatly. More than likely this took place toward the end before the exodus.

"Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph. And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we: Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land.

Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel. And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour: And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in morter, and in brick, and in all manner of service in *the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.*" (Exodus 1:8-14)

The Israelites were obviously unhappy with the situation and began to pray to God about their unjust treatment. If the earthly time period during which the oppression took place was 30 years, which means this same period of time in heaven was 0.7 hours for God. Jesus told Moses that He had heard the cries of the Hebrews and had come to remove them from Egypt.

"And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them." (Exodus 3:7-9)

Nevertheless, it still took some 30 earth years before the Israelites were rescued by God.

ANSWERS TO MY PRAYERS

I was called by God into full time ministry and licensed to preach on April 17, 1967. It became clear to me that I needed theological training, and since I was a Southern Baptist, my pastor told me to seek out a seminary. At that time there were six seminaries within the denomination spread out across the United States. My pastor wanted me to attend his alma mater in New Orleans but Aina did not want to move there. I started to pray and asked God which seminary I should attend. After some time praying, the Holy Spirit directed me to send an application to each seminary, but He told me that only one would accept me. Over a period of some six months, I received an answer from each seminary. The first five were rejected letters. The final letter was a notice of acceptance. Nearly a year later I had clear direction.

Why didn't the Holy Spirit just tell me to apply to Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary? I could have saved a lot of time and effort, but I believe this was a teaching lesson for me. I needed to learn to trust the Holy Spirit, be willing to wait, and develop faith that God hears prayer. Aina and I went through hard times during my 3.5 years at the seminary, but knowing that we were in God's will gave us the backbone and faith to weather the storms and emerge victorious.

A SOMBER TRACK RECORD

Yuri Andropov, General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union

I was conducting revival meetings in Finland during the summer of 1983. The country was under the thumb of the Soviet Union. Finland was technically a free nation, but it was bound by treaties to the Soviet Union that forced it to line up with Soviet policies.

Leonid Brezhnev took over as General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union after Nikita Khrushchev was ousted from power. He ruled the Soviet Union for 18 years, and when he died, KGB director Yuri Andropov became the next General Secretary. During the Hungarian Revolution in 1956, Andropov was tasked with putting down this uprising against the Soviet Union. He ordered the KGB to brutally arrest and execute any Hungarian associated with the insurrection. This butcher became the ruler of the Soviet Union in 1982.

I love the people of Finland; they are hardworking, and those who are born again, are fully committed to Christ, unlike the many fluff Christians in the United States. In one of my meetings in Finland, a KGB agent approached me afterwards and told me that I seem to have forgotten I was in Finland. He suggested that I was not safe and told me to back off with the anticommunist rhetoric. I remember looking him straight in the face and telling him that Jesus was bigger than the KGB and this man was nothing as far as I was concerned. He walked away in anger after unsuccessfully trying to scare me.

The Holy Spirit moved heavily upon me that week to pray about the removal of Yuri Andropov from power. One evening I told the people in the church that I wanted to pray for the removal of Andropov. I asked the people in the meeting to join me as I led in an imprecatory prayer. To my recollection, the whole audience stood to their feet, and then I reached out to heaven with all my power and

asked God to save Andropov or remove him from the earth. This was the first time I prayed in such a manner. Yuri Andropov would go on to die on February 9, 1984.

Olof Palme, Prime minister of Sweden

After my final crusade meeting in 1983, we had

amassed a large mailing list of Christians in Sweden and Finland who had attended our meetings. These were the days when audio cassettes were the popular format. I recorded a number of hour-long sermons in Swedish. We duplicated the cassettes and sent them to the people on the mailing list.

I recorded a special message in 1984 that Sweden was in danger of judgment because Prime Minister Olof Palme and his Social Democratic Party were diligently working to de-Christianize Sweden. I stated that Palme should be voted out of office in the next election, but in the meantime, Christians should ask the Lord to remove him from office. I remember speaking passionately that if nothing else works, for God to remove him from the earth. Every time one of our cassettes was played, my imprecatory prayer was repeated and other Christians in Sweden began to join me and pray for the same thing.

My phone began to ring about fourteen months later on February 28, 1986. Different news media from Sweden informed me that Olof Palme had been murdered on the street in Stockholm and the police lied to the press that our organization was behind the assassination. I became the poster boy for Palme's murder by Swedish television and newspapers. The Swedish police asked the FBI to help them in the investigation and I was visited twice by FBI agents. They had made a transcript of

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY!

"AND IT CAME TO PASS, THAT, AS HE WAS PRAYING IN A CERTAIN PLACE, WHEN HE CEASED, ONE OF HIS DISCIPLES SAID UNTO HIM, LORD, **TEACH US TO PRAY**, AS JOHN ALSO TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES." LUKE 11:1 my sermon denouncing Palme and asked whether I had prayed for him to be removed and/or killed. I told them that as a minister of the Gospel, I had indeed spoken the words and did not regret it.

Although I was blamed for Olof Palme's murder,

there was no solid evidence linking me to it other than the audio cassette and the investigation turned into a cold case that was never solved. I believed that God heard our prayers, Palme was given time to repent, and then God removed him from the earth.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, U.S. Supreme Court Justice

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was an American Jewish Supreme Court justice. She served on the high court for 27 years. Ginsburg was a fervent liberal democrat and her judiciary votes reflected that sentiment. She voted for same sex marriages on June 26, 2015 and created case law to that effect. She even performed a same sex marriage for Michael Kaiser and John Roberts.¹

Same sex marriages are a counterfeit of the relationship set up by Jesus involving a man and a woman. They are an abomination to God and no Christian can ever accept a forgery no matter how much they say it is based upon love. Our ministry started to pray for the removal of Ginsburg around 2018 as her health began to seriously deteriorate. It became clear that she needed to be removed from office before President Trump's term ended. Our prayers intensified and we pleaded with God to remove her before the next election. Ginsburg died from complications of pancreatic cancer on September 18, 2020. Trump moved quickly, and despite an uproar from the liberals, Amy Coney Barret, replaced Ginsburg on the bench on October 27, 2020.

God heard our prayers and recalled an associate justice of the Supreme Court because she refused to repent and serve the God of her fathers. Were we alone in this endeavor? No, I believe there were other Christians praying for the same thing. In the future when Ginsburg stands before Jesus at the Great White Throne Judgment, we will see that her demise could be directly attributed to the imprecatory prayers of those who called upon heaven to move on earth.

The men tasked with protecting Yuri Andropov, Olof Palme, and Ruth Bader Ginsberg were absolutely powerless to stop the hand of God. There is nothing humanity can do to withstand the will of God. If He decrees your time on earth has come to an end, there is nothing that can be done about it.

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him." (Psalms 2:1-12)

PRAYER TARGET

Pray that the work former White House Chief of Staff Ron Klein has left behind will be destroyed.

Pray that the new chief of staff, Jeffrey Zients, will be unable to function and push out the ungodly agenda of the Biden administration.

Pray they will respond to the Gospel or that God will shorten their time on earth to limit their evil deeds.

¹ Michael Kaiser is the head of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and John Roberts is a government

economist working for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.