

# God And The Lost

## James 5:13-18

Is anyone among you suffering? *Then* he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises. Is anyone among you sick? *Then* he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. **The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.** Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

## Proverbs 15:25-29

The LORD will tear down the house of the proud,  
But He will establish the boundary of the widow.  
Evil plans are an abomination to the LORD,  
But pleasant words are pure.  
He who profits illicitly troubles his own house,  
But he who hates bribes will live.  
The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer,  
But the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.  
The LORD is far from the wicked,  
**But He hears the prayer of the righteous.**

## Psalms 145:18-21

The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth. **He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will also hear their cry and will save them.**  
The LORD keeps all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy.

## Psalms 34:15-17

The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous And His ears are open to their cry. **The face of the LORD is against evildoers, To cut off the memory of them from the earth.** The righteous cry, and the LORD hears And delivers them out of all their troubles.

## Matthew 10:32-33

Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. **But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.**

## Job 27:8-23

May my enemy be as the wicked And my opponent as the unjust. **For what is the hope of the godless when he is cut off, When God requires his life? Will God hear his cry When distress comes upon him?** Will he take delight in the Almighty? Will he call on God at all times? I will instruct you in the power of God; What is with the Almighty I will not conceal.  
Behold, all of you have seen it; Why then do you act foolishly? This is the portion of a wicked man from God, And the inheritance which tyrants receive from the Almighty. Though his sons are many, they are destined for the sword; And his descendants will not be satisfied with bread. His survivors will be buried because of the plague, And their widows will not be able to weep. Though he piles up silver like dust And prepares garments as plentiful as the clay, He may prepare it, but the just will wear it And the innocent will divide the silver. He has built his house like the spider's web, Or as a hut which the watchman has made. He lies down rich, but never again; He opens his eyes, and it is no longer. Terrors overtake him like a flood; A tempest steals him away in the night. The east wind carries him away, and he is gone, For it whirls him way from his place. For it will hurl at him without sparing; He will surely try to flee from its power. Men will clap their hands at him And will hiss him from his place.

### Job 35:1-16

Then Elihu continued and said, Do you think this is according to justice? Do you say, 'My righteousness is more than God's'? For you say, 'What advantage will it be to You? What profit will I have, more than if I had sinned?' I will answer you, And your friends with you. Look at the heavens and see; And behold the clouds--they are higher than you. If you have sinned, what do you accomplish against Him? And if your transgressions are many, what do you do to Him? If you are righteous, what do you give to Him, Or what does He receive from your hand? Your wickedness is for a man like yourself, And your righteousness is for a son of man. Because of the multitude of oppressions they cry out; They cry for help because of the arm of the mighty. But no one says, 'Where is God my Maker, Who gives songs in the night, Who teaches us more than the beasts of the earth And makes us wiser than the birds of the heavens?' **There they cry out, but He does not answer Because of the pride of evil men. Surely God will not listen to an empty cry, Nor will the Almighty regard it.** How much less when you say you do not behold Him, The case is before Him, and you must wait for Him! And now, because He has not visited in His anger, Nor has He acknowledged transgression well, So Job opens his mouth empty; He multiplies words without knowledge.

### Psalms 66:16-20

- **16** Come *and* hear, all who fear God, And I will tell of what He has done for my soul. **17** I cried to Him with my mouth, And He was extolled with my tongue. **18** **If I regard wickedness in my heart, The Lord will not hear;** **19** But certainly God has heard; He has given heed to the voice of my prayer. **20** Blessed be God, Who has not turned away my prayer Nor His lovingkindness from me.

### Isaiah 59:1-2

- Behold, the LORD'S hand is not so short That it cannot save; Nor is His ear so dull That it cannot hear.
- But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, **And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.**

### Isaiah 1:10-20

- Hear the word of the LORD, You rulers of Sodom; Give ear to the instruction of our God, You people of Gomorrah. What are your multiplied sacrifices to Me? Says the LORD, I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams And the fat of fed cattle; And I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls, lambs or goats. When you come to appear before Me, Who requires of you this trampling of My courts? Bring your worthless offerings no longer, Incense is an abomination to Me. New moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies - I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn assembly. I hate your new moon *festivals* and your appointed feasts, They have become a burden to Me; I am weary of bearing *them*. **So when you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide My eyes from you; Yes, even though you multiply prayers, I will not listen.** Your hands are covered with blood. Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Remove the evil of your deeds from My sight. Cease to do evil, Learn to do good; Seek justice, Reprove the ruthless, Defend the orphan, Plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, Says the LORD, Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool. If you consent and obey, You will eat the best of the land; But if you refuse and rebel, You will be devoured by the sword. Truly, the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

### John 9:24-34

- So a second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, Give glory to God; we know that this man is a sinner. He then answered, Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see. So they said to him, What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes? He answered them, I told you already and you did not listen; why do you want to hear *it* again? You do not want to become His disciples too, do you? They reviled him and said, You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He is from. The man answered and said to them, Well, here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes. **We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him.** Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing. They answered him, You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us? So they put him out.

### Proverbs 28:9-10

- He who turns away his ear from listening to the law, **Even his prayer is an abomination.**
- He who leads the upright astray in an evil way Will himself fall into his own pit, But the blameless will inherit good.

## Application:

Ephesians 1

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
 To the saints who are at Ephesus and *who are*  
 faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace  
 from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus  
 Christ, **who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing  
 in the heavenly places in Christ**

## Romans 6

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that  
 grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who  
 died to sin still live in it? Or do you not know that all of  
 us who have **been baptized into Christ Jesus** have been  
 baptized into His death? Therefore we have been  
 buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as  
 Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the  
 Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we  
 have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His  
 death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His  
 resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was  
 crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be  
 done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to  
 sin; for he who has died is freed from sin.

## Galatians 3

But before faith came, we were kept in custody under  
 the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be  
 revealed. Therefore the Law has become our tutor *to*  
*lead us* to Christ, so that we **may be justified by**  
**faith.** But now that faith has come, we are no longer  
 under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith  
 in Christ Jesus. For all of you who **were baptized into**  
**Christ** have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is  
 neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free  
 man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one  
 in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you  
 are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

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