

*“7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.*

*8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.*

*9 And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

*10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” II Corinthians 12:7-10*

The most important thing about prayer is not the position of your body, but the condition of your heart.

## V. GOD SAYS GO

In this case you, the timing, and the request are right.

*“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” Jeremiah 33:3*

*“7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.*

*8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.” Matthew 7:7-8*

Prayers are answered according to the will of God.

**GOD ALWAYS ANSWERS PRAYER!**

## THE GOD QUESTIONS Exploring Life’s Great Questions About God Why Hasn’t God Answered My Prayers? Pastor Steve Reynolds

### INTRODUCTION

- A. We all have questions about God. The God Questions teaching series is designed to give you answers to your deepest questions about God. You will gain a better knowledge of God and a closer connection with Him.

*“for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:*

**TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.**

*Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: Acts 17:23*

- B. There are many questions about God, however, there are seven major questions that pretty much everyone asks.

March 3	Is God Real?
March 10	Is The Bible God’s Word?
March 17	What Is God Like?
March 24	Why Does God Allow Suffering?
March 31	Did God Create The World?
TODAY	Why Hasn’t God Answered My Prayers?
April 14	How Can I Know God Personally?

These are tough questions and you will be given a Biblical answer.

**TEXT:** I John 5:14-15 (Pew Bible/Pg 1198/New Testament)

## WHY HASN'T GOD ANSWERED MY PRAYERS?

### I. GOD SAYS **ZERO**

In this case a request is never offered.

*"...Yet you do not have because you do not ask."*

James 4:2b

Prayerless produces **nothing**.

### II. GOD SAYS **NO**

In this case the request is wrong.

*"You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss,..."*

James 4:3a

*"Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."*  
Matthew 17:4

*"35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."*

*36 And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"*

*37 They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory."*

Mark 10:35-37

No is **just as much** an answer to prayer as yes.

### III. GOD SAYS **SLOW**

In this case the timing is wrong.

*"He has made everything beautiful in its time....."*

Ecclesiastes 3:11a

*"5 ...for he loved Hannah, although the LORD had closed her womb.*

*10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the LORD and wept in anguish.*

*27 For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition which I asked of Him."*  
I Samuel 1:5b, 10, 27

*"8 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.*

*9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts."*  
Isaiah 55:8-9

God's **clock** is sometimes different than our clock.

### IV. GOD SAYS **GROW**

In this case you are wrong.

*"1 Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.*

*2 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

*"21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.*

*22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight."*  
I John 3:21-22

*"Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered."*  
I Peter 3:7