

“Son” Flowers... A Devotional by the members of New Hope Church in Cooper, TX

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Scripture Verse Reference: Psalm 55:17 ***“Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice.”*** NKJV

Who Is This?

Have you ever wondered if God hears our prayers? I’ve wondered to myself if sometimes when I pray, God wonders “Who is this praying?” I wonder if He knows my voice. Yes, God our Creator made each of us. He knows the number of hairs on our head (few on some of us). I am certain He hears the prayers of those who believe in Him. Otherwise, He would not respond to our prayers of repentance and salvation. But, as a Christian, does God always hear my prayers? I think the answer to this question depends on me.

As a child of God, I am promised He hears my voice. When I am in right standing with God, I know through faith that Christ is my Intercessor; he pleads for me before our Father (Hebrews 7:25, 1 John 2:1-2). When I cannot find the right words to pray, my faith assures me the Holy Spirit intercedes on my behalf through unspoken groans, according to His will (Romans 8:26-27). I remind myself, I affect the willingness of my heavenly advocates to help. When my prayers feel ineffective, I begin with searching my heart for the answer why.

God’s word tells us He cannot look upon sin (Habakkuk 1:13). Further, the Bible explains, when we have sin in our lives we separate ourselves from God. Isaiah 59:2 (NKJV) reads ***“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.”*** Without question, when I am living with sin in my heart (hatred, unforgiveness, jealousy, avarice, pride, arrogance, or other), I cause my ineffective prayers. When I am not in a right relationship with God, He withholds His blessings to correct me. To answer my question above; yes, God knows my voice; He knows everything about me.

God knows our needs, desires, and fears. He longs to give us good gifts and meet our every need. To do this, we must surrender our all to Him. We must choose each day to walk with Him in love and devotion to His laws and His ways. When my prayers aren’t being received, I must look in the mirror to see what God sees in me that is not of Him. I search for some worldly stench I may have unknowingly attached to my soul. This unpleasant, malodorous sin prevents me from living the life God intended. When found, I correct my course through repentance. Yes, God hears my prayers, but His response is up to me. God never changes.