

Seeking God part 1:

What are you asking God for?

What is it that God can do for you?
What is it that you desire?

How do we get what it is we are seeking? Everybody has needs and desires. No matter who that person is there is always something that they feel they need or want or something that see that needs to change in their lives for them to live a happy fulfilled life.

The first thing we have to do is find out what it is that we desire,(that's the easy part) the next step is a little tougher as you will see here in 2nd Chronicles:

If My People Pray

2Ch 7:11 So Solomon finished the house of Jehovah, and the king's house. And all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of Jehovah, and in his own house, he did with success.

2Ch 7:12 And Jehovah appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him, I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place to Myself for a house of sacrifice.

2Ch 7:13 If I shut up the heavens, and there is no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send a plague among My people;

2Ch 7:14 if My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2Ch 7:15 Now My eyes shall be open, and My ears shall be open to the prayer of this place.

2Ch 7:16 For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, so that My name may be there forever. And My eyes and My heart shall be there forever.

2Ch 7:17 And you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and shall observe My statutes and My judgments,

2Ch 7:18 then I will make the throne of your kingdom sure, as I have covenanted with David your father, saying, There shall not fail you a man to be ruler in Israel.

2Ch 7:19 But if you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you, and if you shall go and serve other gods and worship them,

2Ch 7:20 then I will pluck them up by the roots out of My land which I have given them. And this house which I have sanctified for My name, I will cast out of My sight, and I will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations.

2Ch 7:21 And this house, which is high, shall be a wonder to everyone who passes by it, so that they shall shudder and say, Why has Jehovah done this to this land and to this house?

2Ch 7:22 And it shall be answered, Because they forsook Jehovah, the God of their fathers who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods and

worshiped them and served them. Therefore He has brought all this evil on them.

Here we see that God wants us to talk to him about it. But we can't do it with an attitude of arrogance and self righteousness, but from humbleness and meekness. If we come to him in this way he says that he will heal our woes and answer our prayers.

However this promise come with a condition. That we walk in his statutes and his righteousness.

He does not ask us to be perfect at this point, He told Solomon to walk as his father David did, and if we know anything about David is that he was not perfect. What David did have was a repentant heart one that no matter what the situation was no matter what trouble he got into he sought after God and his will and listened to what God had to say and did what God told him to do.

If we do this we will see what God can do in our lives and he will deliver us from all the things that cause us harm, he will also fulfill every promise he had made to us no matter what it was.

What we have to understand is that no matter where we are no matter what the circumstance:

God hears our cries

Exo 3:6 And He said, I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

Exo 3:7 And Jehovah said, I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry because of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows.

Exo 3:8 And I am coming down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, to bring them up out of that land, to a good land, a large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

Exo 3:9 And now behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me. And I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.

God promises us that no matter where we are he will hear us. In this section of scripture God is speaking to Moses about his people and tells him that he has heard their cries and seen their afflictions,

Egypt has always been a symbol of the world in Christian circles. So God is saying that even when we are not where we should be he will hear us and deliver us from our afflictions and our woes.

But we have to remember the conditions that God gave us before that we have to walk in his statutes and turn from those ways that we know are not right.

But sometimes we pray and seek him and it seems that it's not getting any better and sometimes it seems that it's even getting worse. In these times we have to remember that God loves us and we need to:

We need to keep praying even when we don't see results

Luk 18:1 And He also spoke a parable to them to teach **it is always right to pray, and not to faint,**

Luk 18:2 saying, A certain judge was in a certain city, not fearing God, nor respecting man.

Luk 18:3 And a widow was in that city. And she came to Him, saying, Avenge me of my adversary.

Luk 18:4 And he would not do so for a time. But afterward he said within himself, Though I do not fear God nor regard man,

Luk 18:5 **yet because this widow troubles me, I will avenge her, that she not wear me down in the end.**

Luk 18:6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge says.

Luk 18:7 **And shall not God avenge His own elect who cry day and night to Him, though He has been long-suffering over them?**

Luk 18:8 **I say to you that He will avenge them speedily. Yet when the Son of Man comes, shall He find faith on the earth?**

Christ is telling us that no matter what we are not to give up and stop praying for that which we need. If we give up the answer will never come, but if we continue we will see that:

God will answer our prayers

Mat 7:7 **Ask and it shall be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you.**

Mat 7:8 For each one who asks receives; and he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened.

(Not because we deserve it)

Rom 3:7 For if in my lie the truth has more abounded to His glory **why am I still judged as a sinner?**

Rom 3:9 What then? Do we excel? No, in no way; for we have before charged both Jews and Greeks all with being under sin,

Rom 3:10 as it is written: **"There is none righteous, no not one;**

Rom 3:11 there is none that understands, there is none that seeks after God."

Rom 3:12 "They are all gone out of the way, they have together become unprofitable, there is none that does good, no, not one."

(But because he Loves us)

Mat 7:9 Or what man is there of you, if his son asks a loaf, will he give him a stone?

Mat 7:10 Or if he asks a fish, will he give him a snake?

Mat 7:11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father in Heaven give good things to those who ask Him?

God loved us enough to send us his son for the forgiveness of our sins, and to bring into a closer relationship with him if we only decide to choose it. If he was willing to go this far to save us why would he not hear our cries and answer those prayers for what we need and desire. God answered those prayers for those in the past and all we need in a little faith and the understanding that regardless of the things around us that change:

God never changes

Num 23:19 God is not a man that He should lie, neither the son of man that He should repent. Has He said, and shall He not do it? Or has He spoken, and shall He not make it good?

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever.

Jas 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness nor shadow of turning.

God never changes he is always the same, from the beginning of time to end of eternity he will always be the same.

In Conclusion

I turn to the story of Peter. As he saw the Lord at a distance he was full of confidence and faith, but as he exited the boat and walked a short distance he started to notice the circumstances around him and for a brief moment he took his eyes off of Christ and started to sink.

Charles Spurgeon tells it this way:

“Beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.”

- [Mat 14:30](#)

Sinking times are praying times with the Lord's servants. Peter neglected prayer at starting upon his venturesome journey, but when he began to sink his danger made him a suppliant, and his cry though late was not too late. In our hours of bodily pain and mental anguish, we find ourselves as naturally driven to prayer as the wreck is driven upon the shore by the waves. The fox hies to its hole for protection; the bird flies to the wood for shelter; and even so the tried believer hastens to the mercy seat for safety. Heaven's great harbour of refuge is All-prayer; thousands of weather-beaten vessels have found a haven there, and the moment a storm comes on, it is wise for us to make for it with all sail.

Short prayers are long enough. There were but three words in the petition which Peter gasped out, but they were sufficient for his purpose. Not length but strength is desirable. A sense of need is a mighty teacher of brevity. If our prayers had less of the tail feathers of pride and more wing they would be all the better. Verbiage is to devotion as chaff to the wheat. Precious things lie in small compass, and all that is real prayer in many a long

address might have been uttered in a petition as short as that of Peter.

Our extremities are the Lord's opportunities. Immediately a keen sense of danger forces an anxious cry from us the ear of Jesus hears, and with him ear and heart go together, and the hand does not long linger. At the last moment we appeal to our Master, but his swift hand makes up for our delays by instant and effectual action. Are we nearly engulfed by the boisterous waters of affliction? Let us then lift up our souls unto our Saviour, and we may rest assured that he will not suffer us to perish. When we can do nothing Jesus can do all things; let us enlist his powerful aid upon our side, and all will be well.

No matter what it is that we are seeking God will come thru for us all we have to do is keep our eyes on him, keep praying for those things that we need and have a little faith that he is there for us and will deliver us from those things which are causing us trouble.