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Words to Find:	Elah	Joram	Shallum
	Zimri	Jehoi	Menahem
	Ahab	Jehoah	Pekahiah
	Ahaziah	Zechariah	Pekah

Know The Author

By Bill Brinkworth

A story is told of a young lady who read a book. After forcing herself to finish the literary work, she determined it was one of the worst books she had ever read. She thought less of the author, and imagined he must be a most boring, and unlikeable person.

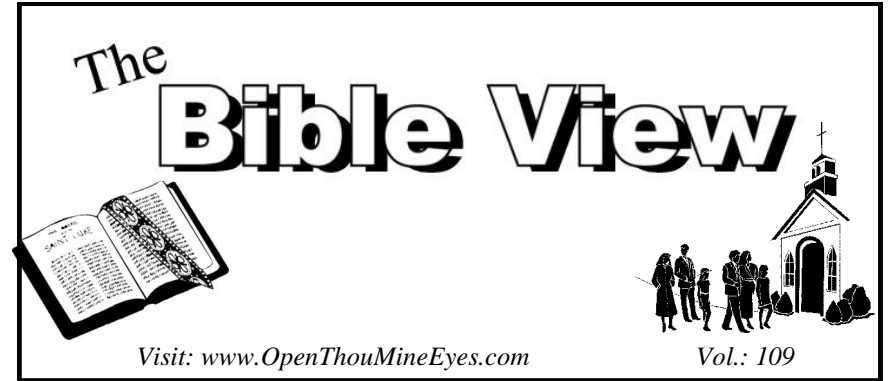
Years down the road, she met the writer. Surprisingly, he invited her out on a date. After that date and others, a deep romance had developed. Once again, she picked up and read the book. This time, however, it was far more interesting. Why, it was one of those books you just could not put down

until it was finished. The second time through the volume, she was convinced it was one of the finest books she had ever read.

How could the young woman's opinion have changed so much? It was the same book, and it certainly was not altered. Her opinion changed because she met and fell in love with the author.

Oh, what opinions would change about the Bible and obeying its words, if people would just meet its author. When people become born-again (John 3:16, Romans 10:9), the "old, boring Bible" becomes a revealing, exciting roadmap for life, when they personally know the author.

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Why No Answers

By Bill Brinkworth

Many of your prayers may go up, but not all of the answers to them come down from heaven.



You are not the only one to have this happen. Some of the great men of God of the Bible experienced similar prayer results:

"Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that our prayer should not pass through." Lamentations 3:44 It seemed nothing was getting through to God.

"Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer." Lamentations 3:8

"I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thou regardest me not." Job 30:20

Why no answers? Here is a short study on some biblical reasons for not having had one's prayers answered:

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Christian Schools?

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The Bible teaches that Christian parents are responsible for the training of their own children. Either we must do the job of teaching them ourselves or else hire capable Christian teachers to do the job for us. In either case, it is our direct responsibility.

Thus saith the Lord:

"5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deuteronomy 6:5, 7

In the home, in the church, and in the school we are to teach our children the way of the Lord.



Thus saith the Lord:

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise His counsel."

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... It could be because of committing sin.

"But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." Isaiah 59:2, Also: Psalm 34:6. Iniquities are sins and unrighteousnesses we commit.

... It could be because of considering sin.

"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:" Psalms 66:18 Regard is "attention to the mind, respect, esteem, object of sight."

... It could be because of not obeying what God has told or showed you.

"He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." Proverbs 28:9

"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." I John 3:22

... It could be because of bloodshed.

"And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood." Isaiah 1:15

... It could be because you are not one of His. You may not be born again into the family of God (John 3:3). Born again is also called "saved" (Romans 10:9)!

"The LORD is far from the

wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous." Proverbs 15:29

"Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth." John 9:31

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7

... It could be you did not ask.

"The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth." Psalms 145:18

"For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Matthew 7:8

... It could be because you asked incorrectly.

"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." James 4:3

... It could be because you were not kind or merciful.

"Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard." Proverbs 21:13

... It could be because you are unstable and cannot make up your mind.

"But let him ask in faith,

God is not a cosmic bellboy for whom we can press a button to get things. — Fosdick

nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord." James 1:6-7

... It could be because you didn't think He would or could do it.

"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matthew 21:22

As you've read the above, has God shown you one or more problems with your prayer life? If so, confess it to God. Soon you will see God answering your prayers again.

Christian Schools?

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despise wisdom and instruction." Proverbs 1:7

The very first and foremost thing we must teach our children is the proper reverence and respect for God. Is your child being taught this in the school where he attends five days every week?

Thus saith the Lord:

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Does the school where your children attend train your children in the "way they should go," according to God's Word? It is your responsibility to see that this training is given to your child daily.

Thus saith the Lord:

"And, ye fathers, provoke not

your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4

We are to bring up our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord every day of the week and every week of the year, in the home, in the church, and in the school. It is high time that Christian parents begin to re-think and re-evaluate their position on this matter of educating our children according to the admonitions of the Word of God.

This article was originally printed March 13, 1960, when the schools were far more moral and decent than they are today. Even then the unknown preacher that wrote this had enough discernment to know that the public schools were not performing the way God thought best for His children.

Jesus could not have saved us if He had saved Himself.

An Available Ministry

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There's a holy, high vocation
Needing workers everywhere;
'Tis the highest form of service,
'Tis the ministry of prayer.
There's no weapon half so mighty

As the intercessors bear;
Nor a broader field of service
Than the ministry of prayer.