

QUESTIONS

ABOUT PRAYER

PART 7



REVIEW OF OUR SERIES:

DOES PRAYER CHANGE
GOD'S MIND?

IF GOD IS SOVEREIGN,
WHAT GOOD WILL IT DO
TO PRAY?

WHY PRAY IF GOD
ALREADY KNOWS
ALL OF YOUR NEEDS?

DOES PRAYER CHANGE CIRCUMSTANCES,
OR DOES IT ONLY CHANGE US?



REVIEW OF OUR SERIES:

IF GOD DOESN'T ANSWER
YOUR PRAYER, IS IT BECAUSE
YOU LACK THE FAITH?

IF MORE PEOPLE PRAY FOR SOMETHING,
IS IT MORE LIKELY THAT GOD WILL
GRANT THAT REQUEST?

DOES GOD ANSWER THE PRAYERS OF THOSE
WITH THE 'GIFT OF INTERCESSION'
MORE OFTEN THAN THE PRAYERS
OF OTHER PEOPLE?



REVIEW OF OUR SERIES:

WHY WON'T GOD
HEAL AMPUTEES?

IF PRAYER IS SUPPOSED TO BE A
CONVERSATION WITH GOD,
HOW COME I NEVER HEAR
ANYTHING BACK?

TONIGHT:

HOW DO I DISTINGUISH BETWEEN
GOD'S VOICE AND MY OWN?



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TALKING TO GOD

1. Is prayer supposed to be relational?

Yes.

2. Is prayer supposed to be a dialogue, as in me speaking to God and God speaking to me?

Yes. (But we have to define “speaking”)

3. Are we supposed to approach God as Sovereign King, or as a friend, or both?

Both. See John 15:12-15.

4. How often should we pray?

“Without ceasing” – 1 Thes. 5:17 (NASB)

“Pray continually” – 1 Thes. 5:17 (NIV)

“Pray at all times” – Eph. 6:18 (NASB)

“Pray on all occasions” – Eph. 6:18 (NIV)



TALKING TO GOD

5. Is it actually possible to pray continually? I don't even talk to my friends that long.

This may require an expansive view of "prayer" as living in the presence of God, with Him at all times.



HEARING FROM GOD

1. Audible Voice from God
2. Angelic Visitation
3. Vision
4. Dream



These modes of communication are exceedingly rare, even throughout the Scriptures.

Just like we over-attribute things as “miracles,” is it possible that we over-attribute things with the words:

“God spoke to me and said...”

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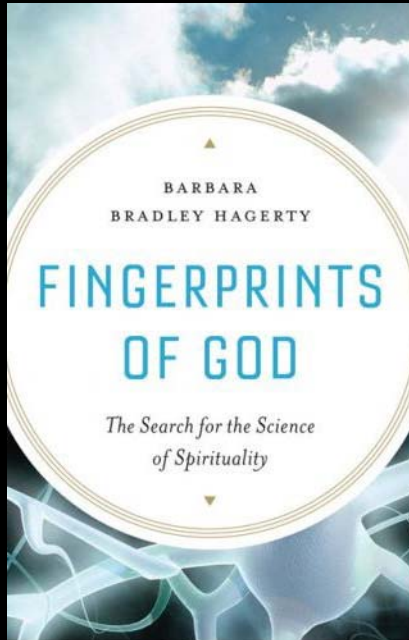
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1. How do I know the difference between God's voice and my own, particularly if the voice tells me something that seems to be okay to do?
2. How do I know that it's not Satan putting thoughts into my head.
3. Can I do something to make it more likely that I will be better able to discern God's communicating with me?



HEARING FROM GOD

1. In humility, we have to admit that there is no way that we can ever know for sure whether it is our thought, or one given (directed) by the Lord.
2. We can test our thoughts against Scripture, but Scripture has been used to justify a lot of crazy behavior and dangerous “revelations.”
3. We can test our thoughts (and other means of hearing from God by bringing what we believe we heard to the community for prayer, wisdom and evaluation.
4. We can turn down the volume, and practice the disciplines.



HEARING FROM GOD

1. Could God speak audibly?
Yes.
2. Could God speak through a vision?
Yes.
3. Could God speak through a dream?
Yes.
4. Could God speak through circumstances?
Yes.
5. Could God speak through others?
Yes.
6. Could God speak through a song on the radio?
Yes.
7. Could God speak through a movie?
Yes.
8. Could God speak through a sermon?
Yes.





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