

Review:

When prayer seems to be ignored or denied!

Romans 3:12 (KJV)

¹²They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Why bad things happen to so-called good people?

John 9:2 - 3 (NLT)

²"Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?"

³"It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him.

Our response should be like this:

Job 1:20 - 22 (NASB)

²⁰Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

²¹He said,

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,
And naked I shall return there.
The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away.
Blessed be the name of the LORD."

²²Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God.

Two very powerful prayers!

2 Kings 6:11 - 17 (NASB)

¹¹Now the heart of the king of Aram was enraged over this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you tell me which of us is for the king of Israel?"

¹²One of his servants said, "No, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom."

¹³So he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and take him." And it was told him, saying, "Behold, he is in Dothan."

¹⁴He sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city.

¹⁵Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"

¹⁶So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

¹⁷Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the LORD opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Luke 18:35 - 43 (NASB)

³⁵As Jesus was approaching Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the road begging.

³⁶Now hearing a crowd going by, he *began* to inquire what this was.

³⁷They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

³⁸And he called out, saying, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

³⁹Those who led the way were sternly telling him to be quiet; but he kept crying out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁰And Jesus stopped and commanded that he be brought to Him; and when he came near, He questioned him,

⁴¹“What do you want Me to do for you?” And he said, “Lord, *I want* to regain my sight!”

⁴²And Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.”

⁴³Immediately he regained his sight and *began* following Him, glorifying God; and when all the people saw it, they gave praise to God.

They went from: darkness to light, from begging to following Jesus, and from crying to praising the Lord!

- In that day, blindness was a common affliction for which there was no cure, and all a blind person could do was beg.
- These two men had not been born blind, for their prayer was to “regain” their sight (Luke 18:41, NASB, and note Matt. 20:34, NASB). They persisted in crying out to the Lord, in spite of the obstacles in their way: their inability to see Jesus, the opposition of the crowd, and our Lord’s delay in responding to them. They were not going to let Jesus pass them without first pleading for mercy.
- The fact that they addressed Him as “Son of David,” a messianic title, indicates that these two Jewish beggars knew that Jesus could give sight to the blind (Isa. 35:5; and see Luke 4:18). Jesus responded to their faith and healed them, and what a change took place!

MONDAY MORNING MOMENT: Action Step

Probably what the Devil fears most in true Christians-----an active prayer life! Please pray without ceasing.

2 Corinthians 10:3 - 5 (NLT)

³We are human, but we don’t wage war as humans do.

⁴We use God’s mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments.

⁵We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.