

Overcome Prayer Barriers

Prayer That God Answers – Part 5

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Psalm 66:18 (ESV) If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

2 Samuel 11:1 (ESV) In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 11:2-3 (ESV) It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. And David sent and inquired about the woman.

1. Don't let sin _____ you

Proverbs 13:6 (ESV) Righteousness guards him whose way is blameless, but sin overthrows the wicked.

A. Sin is _____

2 Samuel 11:14-15 (ESV) In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die."

Psalm 32:3-4 (ESV) For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

B. Sin causes _____ prayer

2 Samuel 12:15-16 (ESV) Then Nathan went to his house. And the LORD afflicted the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and he became sick. David therefore sought God on behalf of the child. And David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground.

Proverbs 28:9 (ESV) If one turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination.

2. _____ to be restored

1 John 1:9 (ESV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A. _____ your sin to God

Psalm 32:5 (ESV) I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

B. _____ from your sin

Psalm 51:10-11 (ESV) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

3. _____ to release God's blessing

James 5:16 (ESV) Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

A. Obey to release God's _____

John 14:21 (ESV) Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

B. Obey to release God's _____

1 John 3:21-22 (ESV) Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

Weekly Healing Scripture

Mark 1:40-42 (ESV) And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

Overcome Prayer Barriers Study Guide
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Intro. What does it mean to “cherish sin in my heart” (Psalm 66:18)?

How does unconfessed sin affect a person’s relationship with God?

What was wrong with David remaining in Jerusalem (2 Samuel 11:1)?

Describe the progression of sin in David’s life (2 Samuel 11:2-4)?

1A. What are the different effects of righteousness and wickedness on a person (Proverbs 13:6)?

1B. Why did David conspire to have Uriah killed (2 Samuel 11:14-15)?

1C. How did David’s unconfessed sin impact his life (Psalm 32:3-4)?

1D. Why were David’s prayers for his sick child unanswered (2 Samuel 12:15-16, Proverbs 28:9)?

1E. What kinds of sins do people cherish in their hearts?

2A. How does confession of sin affect our lives (1 John 1:9)?

2B. How did David’s relationship with God get restored (Psalm 32:5)?

2C. How is repentance both admitting and turning away from sin (Psalm 51:10-11)?

2D. What are the consequences of even confessed sin (Galatians 6:7)?

3A. How does James 5:16 speak to the principles of this message?

3B. Why is Jesus’ love and presence conditional on our obedience (John 14:21)?

3C. How can a person have confidence before God in prayer (1 John 3:21-22)?

3D. According to 1 John 3:21-22, what are the conditions for answered prayer?