

When God is Silent, part 1

“I don’t know why I bother praying. It doesn’t seem to do any good. I’ve been asking God for wisdom to solve an extremely difficult problem for three weeks now. Yet I’m no closer to a solution than when I started. I may as well consult a horoscope for all the good prayer does. I feel like I am only talking to the ceiling. No one is really listening. Why doesn’t God answer my prayers?”

When God is silent and doesn’t seem to answer your prayers, ask yourself the following questions:

Have I neglected to pray? (James 4:2)

If I do not ask, God cannot answer

Am I in sin? (Psalm 66:18; Proverbs 28:9)

If I will not listen to God, he will not listen to me

Am I being selfish? (James 4:3)

If my prayers are all about ME, God will not listen to me

Am I doubting? (Mark 11:24)

If I don’t trust God, he will not listen to me

Exception—Acts 12:14-15

Is my request out of God’s will? (1 John 5:14-15)

If my request is not part of God’s plan, he will not listen to me

What if ...?

- I am praying
 - My life is pure
 - My motives are true
 - I’m trusting God
 - I’m in his will
- ...then what?

Why is God silent?

What does his silence mean?

To be continued ... (next week)