

On The Road To Emmaus

Praying at times can seem like talking to a wall. We can call out to God and then we are left wondering if he has heard us. In considering this question I came across these words, *"for behold he is praying"* Acts 9.11 (esv). These words were spoken by the Lord to Ananias about Saul. The Lord hears our prayers and is answering them even as we pray regardless of how we feel. This should provide comfort to us as we call out in our distress.

While we can find comfort in the fact that God hears us instantly as we pray, there is more. The psalmist tells us in Psalm 56.8 (esv): *"You have kept count of my tossing; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book?"* This means that our sighs and groans are recorded. I like the phrase *"put my tears in your bottle"* it implies that the tears that we shed are caught as they run down our face!

What a comfort that the Lord not only hears our prayers instantly but also records our prayers in His book. He does not just record them but also keeps record of our turmoil and distress and has saved our tears that have have run down our face. Not one feeling or tear has been lost!

When the road seems difficult and hard, come to the Lord your God. He hears you, values you and values what you are going through. So, what are you waiting for?

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