

On The Road To Emmaus

In our daily walk it is easy to blame God or criticize Him if our prayers are not answered. We say things such as, well it must not be His will for me. So woe is me, I guess I will just have to struggle and carry on with this old beater of a car, an empty bank account or whatever our need is.

We often express this attitude in a more indirect way, a more “spiritual” way if you will, when we tell ourselves and others that God answers all prayers with a yes, no or wait. There is a certain element of truth to this explanation. However, it is a backhanded way that places all of the responsibility on God. It removes any human responsibility. We become open to the lie of Satan that says God is a cosmic sadist, that He really does not care about us because we would not be in this hard place if He really did care.

Remember what the Scriptures tell us: *“You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.”*
(Jas 4:3 esv)

“Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered.”
(Prov 21:13 esv)

“When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause.”
(Isa 1:15-17 esv)

So in the middle of our daily walk in this life, we must examine our lives and our prayers. Are we living our lives and praying in such a way that God can answer us without violating His Word and character?

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