

If I Could Ask God...

One Question

GOD, WHERE ARE YOU?

"I call to you, O God, but you never answer; and when I pray, you pay no attention." - Job 30:20

I. Three Ways God Answers Prayer

* Sometimes God says _____

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"Call to me and I will answer you..." - Jeremiah 33:3

II. Three Reasons God Sometimes Says "No"

1. When God Has A _____

"He knows about everyone, everywhere. Everything about us is bare and wide open to the all-seeing eyes of our living God; nothing can be hidden from Him ..." - Hebrews 4:13

"(God) guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones." - Proverbs 2:8

* Paul tried to go to Asia, Acts 16:6-8

2. When God Has A _____

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways, my ways, declares the Lord. ...My ways are higher than your ways ..." - Isaiah 55:8-9

"These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better ..." - Hebrews 11:39-40

** Paul's desire to preach in Rome
(Reference Romans 1:11-15, 15:22-24; Acts 28:16)*

3. When God Has A _____

"(God says) My purpose will stand and I will do all that I please." - Isaiah 46:10b

"Therefore we do not lose heart ... For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal!" - 2 Corinthians 4:16-17

** Paul's prayer to be healed, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

III. What To Remember When God Says "No"

"And we know that in all thing God works for the good of those who love God ..." - Romans 8:28

"Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said, 'My grace is sufficient for you for My power is made perfect in weakness.'" - 2 Corinthians 12:7-9