

Message: The stumbling blocks to prayers

Day 16: Evil thoughts and imaginations

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You are God from beginning to the end

Evil thoughts and imaginations can block a prayer from being answered. Man look through the physical appearances but God search through the heart to answer all according to what we have in our hearts. The Bible described the heart of men in **Jeremiah 17:9-10 KJV** The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? [10] I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. Beloved, the bible is admonishing us to rend our hearts and not our garments as seen **Joel 2:12-13 KJV** Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: [13] And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Also in **Psalms 66:18 KJV** If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me :

Common evil thoughts and imaginations that can hinder prayers

- **Envious thought**
- **Evil imagination towards your brother**
- **Thoughts to kill and destroy the innocent**
- **Wishing evil towards another person**

Strangely God knows your heart and all that is going on therein, that is why I want you to confess Psalm 51 and pray..

Psalms 51:1-19 KJV Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. [2] Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. [3] For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. [4] Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. [5] Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. [6] Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. [7] Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. [8] Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. [9] Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. [10] Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. [11] Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. [12] Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. [13] Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. [14] Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. [15] O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. [16] For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it : thou delightest not in burnt offering. [17] The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. [18] Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem. [19] Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

Prayer

1. Excellent Jehovah mighty God, I thank you for you alone is worthy to be praised accept my thanks in the name of Jesus.
2. Blessed father pardon and cleanse all my sins I pray thee in the name of Jesus.
3. Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow in the name of Jesus
4. Create in me O Lord in Jesus name
5. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me in the name of Jesus.