

"He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." Proverbs 28:9 KJV

To be ignorant of Truth is one thing, but to know it and not do it is another altogether! *"To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."* God may very well forgive confessed sin, but He also lets you reap what you've sown. Forgiveness does not condone sin. If sin was OK with God, it would not be necessary to seek forgiveness nor give it. God's forgiveness must be sought to be had, but is ever ready for dispersal. *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins."* God will not answer prayer until you have repented and forsaken sin.



"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." If heaven is brass, you've hidden the idol of sin and are pretending it doesn't exist with self-deluding reason and excuses. We believe exactly what we want to believe and no one forces us to do otherwise. We also do exactly what we want unless physically hindered in some way. You cannot blame one thought or action upon another. It's all your doing and it's being recorded for Judgment Day. *"The books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."* None are exempt! Believers will also face the all-knowing Sovereign of eternity! *"For we (believers) must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."* It is vital to keep short accounts with God! As soon as you realize you've sinned, however small you may deem it, confess it immediately! Your prayers and needs are hindered by unconfessed sin in your life. *"But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God: Who will render to every man according to his deeds."* You cannot ask for things *"according to His will"* unless you are in His will through faithful obedience, and you will not receive anything from God otherwise! *This is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us.* Only those whom the KING *"hears"* have their petitions granted. *"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."* All else is abomination. You can't do it *"your"* way and expect God's provision. *"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."* What you think is OK may be a sin. God's Word is vital to your survival!

The wicked prayer will go unheard,
Unless the Law of God is learned,
God's hearing ear will not be turned,
To those, His Truth, have only spurned. ~CGP

The next time you are pleading with God for help and heaven seems brass, perhaps the fault lies in your own heart. We are so accustomed to excusing our own faults, out of habit we'll pass over the very cause of our distress. God neglects our prayers many times to force spiritual accountability. We commit a sin so often it becomes a habit, or tell a lie so often it becomes acceptable and we think little of it. God will hear the righteous. *"The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry."* Don't make the mistake of trying to search your own heart. Let God's Word and the *"Spirit of Truth"* alert you to the sin that hinders your prayers!

"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalms 139:23-24 KJV