

# 28 Does God always answer prayer?



## 1 JOHN 5:14-15

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

**When you pray about something, will God answer you?** He promises to answer if you are His child. God says, “Call unto me, and I will answer you” God doesn’t say, “I might answer” but “I will answer.” Does that mean He will always give you what you want? No. God will do what He knows is best for you.

**Sometimes in the Bible God gave people what they prayed for.** He gave Hannah a baby son when she asked (1 Samuel 1:20). Other times God’s answer was “no.” Paul wanted God to take away a problem he had (2 Corinthians 12:7-9). God said, “No.” Instead He helped Paul deal with the problem. The third answer God gave was “wait.” Two sisters wanted Jesus to heal their sick brother, Lazarus. The Lord Jesus waited until Lazarus had died. Then Jesus brought him back to life! People realized that Jesus really was the Son of God! (John 11:5, 32, 43-44)

**God gives those same answers to prayer today.** He may say “yes,” He may say “no” or He may say “wait.” Your job is to keep praying, believing God will answer your prayers in the way He knows is best for you.



### THINK ABOUT IT!

Which of these answers might God give when you pray?

Wait

No

Yes

I don't care about you



### TALK TO GOD

Ask God to help you trust Him to answer your prayers in the way He knows is best. Thank Him for hearing and answering you.