## FREEDOM FROM THE FRUSTRATION OF UNANSWERED PRAYER LUKE 1:5-20 • CHURCH BIBLE PAGE #1055

- Satan wants you to get discouraged with prayer, but prayer is a Christian's lifeline.
- "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

  Hebrews 11:6
- But what about when we pray and seek God, and nothing seems to happen?
- Why do our prayer requests seem to go unanswered?

## First, because our request may have been

- "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Philippians 4:6
- Parents, do you give your children everything they ask for?
- In the same way, our heavenly Father simply has to \_\_\_\_\_ some of our requests.
- If God withholds something from us, rest assured, it was not \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

Second, because the answer to our request has been	
•	Sometimes our requests may seem denied, when in reality they may just be delayed.
•	With God, <b>timing</b> is far more important than
•	"And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him." Isaiah 30:18
•	God will wait so that He can extend His
•	God will wait so that He can display His
Third, because the answer to our prayer may be than anticipated.	
•	"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Romans 8:26
•	The apostle Paul asked for healing, but he finally realized that God had something far better.  2 Corinthians 12:7-10
_	praying! 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Galatians 6:9



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