



CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: MINISTRY TO ME

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

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TEXT: JOHN 14:13, 14
JOHN 16:23, 24
MATTHEW 7:7, 8
MATTHEW 21:21, 22

TITLE: ANSWERED PRAYERS: IS IT GOD OR IS IT ME?

INTRODUCTION

- A. Sometimes, we must rethink what we previously believed was true _____
- B. How does God answer prayers? _____
- C. On one end of the spectrum, we cannot rely on God _____
- D. On the other end of the spectrum, we do not need God _____
 - 1. "Speak it into the atmosphere"
 - 2. "Declare it and decree it"
 - 3. "Speak things that be not as though they are" (Romans 4:17)
- E. Perhaps, we need to rethink what we previously believed regarding answered prayers _____

WHAT DID JESUS SAY?

- A. First, we must be clear regarding what the Word of God says _____
 - 1. "We must determine what the Word says before we declare what the Word means"
 - 2. "We cannot say, 'Thus says the Lord.' Until we know, 'What says the Lord.'" Dr. Robert Smith
- B. JOHN 14:13, 14 _____
- C. JOHN 16:23, 24 _____
- D. MATTHEW 7:7 _____
- E. MATTHEW 21:21, 22 _____

WE EXPECT AN IMMEDIATE ANSWER TO OUR PRAYERS

- A. Persistence in Prayer: Example 1 – Luke 11:5-8 _____
- B. Persistence in Prayer: Example 2 – Luke 18:1-8 _____
- C. Persistence in Prayer is not changing God's mind. Rather, it is increasing our faith _____