

*"When He maketh inquisition for blood, He remembereth them: He forgetteth not the cry of the humble." Psalm 9:12 KJV*



Humility before God does not presume, but waits to obey. It comes not with expectations, agendas, pseudo-acquiescence, or manipulative questioning. True humility considers itself unworthy of favor and is grateful for the slightest attention. If we come before the Supreme Sovereign of Eternity with anything but love, awe, and reverence, we are not in an attitude of worship or Truth. Those who approach God must come *"in spirit and in Truth."* You cannot speak to a *"living Spirit"* with a dead spirit. Until man's spirit is quickened by the very presence of the Holy Spirit of God through faith delivered by hearing the Word of God, prayers are unanswered. *"The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam (Christ) was made a quickening spirit. And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."* The only prayer God will acknowledge from the wicked is the humble cry of repentance for forgiveness. *"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."* Somehow, lies and iniquity have been relegated by denial to fibs and mistakes. Make no mistake: Sin is not judged by your standards, but by God's! *"The soul that sinneth, it shall die! It is the fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God! Our God is a consuming fire!"* Without humility, prayers are unanswered. Believers are guilty of the same sin. Coming boldly to the Throne of grace does not exclude humility, but rather encourages the faint of heart. God will forgive you if you admit your sin and ask His forgiveness. Christ begged for your pardon as He hung dying on Calvary. *"Father, Forgive them! They know not what they do!"* There are two kinds of "Sorry." There's the disdainful arrogance of, "I'm sorry I got caught," or the tearful remorse of "I'm sorry, I've sinned!" One is a proud excuse the other, humble penitence. God knows every prayer and even your motivation. *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins. God is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up."* God knows if you come in true humility and will hear and grant your petitions in accordance with His will. *"This is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us: And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him."* Reading and studying God's Word is the only way to know what to ask God!

The humble cry the LORD will hear,  
And those thus calling have His ear,  
The kneeling soul who comes with tears,  
Will find their KING a comfort near. ~CGP

There are precious promises in God's Word to which we can cling and hope, but we cannot come before Him demanding He keep them!. We may come before Him with promise clutched in hand as a gracious invitation to enter the very Throne Room of eternity; knowing the KING has the sovereign authority to revoke or postpone your audience based on your attitude when you come. Anything but true humility is proud, presumptuous, and evil. He knows every heart. Many times, attitude prevents answers to prayer.

*"Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what He hath done for my soul. I cried unto Him with my mouth, and He was extolled with my tongue. If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me: But verily God hath heard me; He hath attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me." Psalms 66:16-20 KJV*