

The prayers God

responds to

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, so He does not lie. He is not human, so He does not change His mind. Has He ever spoken and failed to act? Has He ever promised and not carried it through?

Psalm 138:2

**I will worship toward Your holy
temple, And praise Your name
For Your lovingkindness and
Your truth; **For You
have magnified Your word
above all Your name****

**"You have exalted
Your Word above
Your Name"**

2 Chronicles 7:14

**If My people who are called by
My name will humble
themselves, and pray and seek
My face, and turn from their
wicked ways, **then I will hear
from heaven**, and will forgive
their sin and heal their land**

I WILL hear

**God isn't distant.
He's often just muted
by our lifestyles**

1. Obedience

**positions us to hear
and be heard**

2 Chronicles 7:14

**If My people...
will humble themselves**

Luke 22:42

**“Father, if you are willing,
please take this cup of suffering
away from me. Yet I want your
will to be done, not mine”**

**Doing what God
has already said**

1 Samuel 15:22

But Samuel replied, “What is more pleasing to the Lord: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to His voice? Listen!

Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams

**God isn't distant.
He's often just muted
by our disobedience**

John 14:15

**“If you love me, obey my
commandments”**

**Obedience is
God's love
language**

**Is there something
God has already
asked me to do?**

**Prayer becomes
powerful when
obedience
comes first**

2. Right motives
**move the heart
of God**

2 Chronicles 7:14

**If My people...will pray
and seek My face**

James 4:3

**And even when you ask, you
don't get it because your
motives are all wrong—you want
only what will give you pleasure**

**Prayer isn't just
about what we're
asking. It's
about why we're asking**

**God isn't distant. He's
often just muted by our
wrong motives**

John 5:30

**By myself I can do nothing; I
judge only as I hear, and my
judgment is just, **for I seek
not to please myself but Him
who sent me****

1 Samuel 16:7

**But the Lord said to Samuel,
“Don’t judge by his appearance or
height, for I have rejected him.
The Lord doesn’t see things the
way you see them. People judge by
outward appearance, but
the Lord looks at the heart**

**Maybe God is protecting
you from receiving
something your heart
isn't ready to steward**

1 John 5:14-15

This is the confidence we have
in approaching God: that if **we**
ask anything according to His
will, He hears us. And if we
know that **He hears us**—
whatever we ask—we know that
we have what we asked of Him

2 Chronicles 7:14

**If My people...will turn from
their wicked ways**

**God responds to
surrendered motives that
aligns to His will**

3. *Forgiveness*

removes the static

Mark 11:25

**But when you are praying,
first forgive anyone you are
holding a grudge against, so
that your Father in heaven
will forgive your sins, too”**

Luke 23:34

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing”

**God isn't distant. He's
often just muted by
unforgiveness and offence**

Hebrews 12:15

**Look after each other so that
none of you fails to receive
the grace of God. Watch out
that no poisonous root of
bitterness grows up to
trouble you, corrupting many**

Ephesians 4:31-32

Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behaviour. Instead, be kind to each other, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you

**Forgiveness isn't always
a feeling. Sometimes it's
a decision you make
every morning until your
feelings catch up**

Ask yourself....

Am I obeying?

Why am I asking?

**Who haven't I forgiven? What
have I refused to surrender?**

**God isn't ignoring your
prayers. Remove the
static...and you'll
discover He was
listening all along**

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