

He's A Prayer-Hearing God



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***(Mark 3:9)***

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# Acts 1

*(14) They all joined together constantly in prayer,*



## Acts 2

*(42) They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

## Acts 6:4

*[we]...will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.*

The sovereign God lays out His plans to bring millions of people into His eternal kingdom, and then hangs the success of those plans on the prayers of His people.

Life is more than logic.

If we try to figure out the mystery...you lose God.

- Paul Miller

# Jeremiah 33

*(3) Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.*

## Ephesians 6

*(18) And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.*

## Philippians 4

*(6) Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (7) And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

## Acts 4

*(24) When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God...” (29) Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. (30) Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”*



## Acts 4

*(31) After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.*

God acts when we pray — and he can do more in five seconds than we can in five years.

- John Piper

# John 15:5

*Apart from Me you can do nothing.*

*- Jesus*

Prayer is where I do my best work as a husband, dad, worker, and friend...I'm actually managing my life through my daily prayer time.

I'm shaping my heart, my work, my family -  
everything that is dear to me - through  
prayer in fellowship my Heavenly Father .

I'm doing that because I don't have control over my heart and life or the hearts and lives of those around me. But God does.

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Isaiah 36,37

Assyria vs. Jerusalem

## Isaiah 36

*(1) In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah's reign, Sennacherib king of Assyria attacked all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them. (2) Then the king of Assyria sent his field commander with a large army from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem.*



## Isaiah 36

*(4) The field commander said to them, “Tell Hezekiah: “ ‘This is what the great king, the king of Assyria, says: On what are you basing this confidence of yours? On whom are you depending, that you rebel against me?*

## Isaiah 36

*(8) “ ‘Come now, make a bargain with my master, the king of Assyria: I will give you two thousand horses—if you can put riders on them!*

## Isaiah 36

*(10)...have I come to attack and destroy this land without the Lord? The Lord himself told me to march against this country and destroy it.' ” (13) Do not let Hezekiah deceive you. He cannot deliver you... Make peace with me and come out to me.*

## Isaiah 37

*(1) When King Hezekiah heard this, he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and went into the temple of the Lord. (2) He sent Eliakim...to the prophet Isaiah*

## Isaiah 37

*(6) This is what the Lord says: Do not be afraid of what you have heard—those words with which the underlings of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. (7) Listen! When he hears a certain report, I will make him want to return to his own country, and there I will have him cut down with the sword.'*

## Isaiah 37

*(14) Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the temple of the Lord and spread it out before the Lord.*

## Isaiah 37

*(15) And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord: (16) “Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.*

## Isaiah 37

*(17) Give ear, Lord, and hear; open your eyes, Lord, and see; listen to all the words Sennacherib has sent to ridicule the living God. (20) Now, Lord our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, Lord, are the only God.*



## Isaiah 37

*(21) Because you have prayed to me concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria...(35) “I will defend this city and save it, for my sake and for the sake of David my servant!”*

## Isaiah 37

*(36) Then the angel of the Lord went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp. (37) So Sennacherib...returned to Nineveh and stayed there. (38) One day, while he was worshiping in the temple of his god Nisrok, his son...killed him with the sword,*

An army that could not be defeated was defeated. An enemy that could not be stopped was stopped. What looks impossible today is possible tomorrow.

*Because you prayed to me.*

*- Isaiah 37:21*

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