

PRAYER CORNER



*“For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous,
and His ears are open unto their prayers . . .”*

I Peter 3:12 (a) (KJV)

In this passage of scripture, it is amazing to realize how the Lord loves us so much that He is always watching us. Psalm 53:2 says, “*God looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.*” The Holy and Almighty God of the universe, the One we call Lord because of Jesus in our lives, sees every step we take, every word we speak, when we are up and when we are down. He is so focused and loving of His children that He tells us this in His Word. It is to give us assurance and encourage our faithfulness. Because He sees us, we recognize His love and care, and we are also helped to follow His leading in everything we do. He sees our obedience to His Word, and He also sees when we fail to obey. As His seeing us is true, the Lord has given us spiritual eyes to see things others cannot see who do not know Jesus. He uses the new vision He has given in Christ that will draw others around us to Him.

The second part of this verse says that “*His ears are open unto their prayers. . .*” Oh, the wonder of that!! He hears our prayers!!! We have access to the Throne of God through Jesus, who is sitting at His right hand - “*ever interceding for us.*” What wonderful things we have been given through what Jesus has done for us. The hearing part is a great mystery, because before we knew Jesus as our Savior, He seemed far away and remote from us. When we began to follow Him and recognize our need to talk to God, His presence began to come nearer. We are told to “*Come near to God and He will come near to you.*” (James 4:8a) That is prayer; that is coming close; that is God’s ears open to our prayers. He also says in James 4:8b to “*Wash your hands, you sinners and purify your hearts, you double minded. Grieve, mourn and wail.*” As He is Holy, we must also be holy before Him and realize we are sinners. So washing in the everlasting fountain of Jesus’ cleansing blood in preparation to meet the Lord is vital.

We want Him to see us when we serve Him and hear us when we pray.

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