## Does God Hear Unbeliever's Prayers?

Now let's answer the question as to whether it does any good for someone who is not a Christian to pray to God and expect Him to hear and answer their prayers. The Bible clearly says that God will not answer prayer requests of those who are not saved nor will He even listen to their prayers (John 9:31 (KJV)

Jn 31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.). Believers have had their sins forgiven but those who are not Christian are separated from God by their sin (Isaiah 59:2 (KJV) Isa 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.). I Peter 3:12 plainly says that God will hear a believer's <u>prayer</u> but not those of the unsaved: "For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Proverbs 1:26-29 speaks to everyone who does not believe in Him and gives a warning for those who don't that "...when disaster strikes you; I will mock when calamity overtakes you— when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and trouble overwhelm you. Then they will call to me but I will not answer; they will look for me but will not find me, since they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the LORD."

## God Hears and Answers the Believers

Luke 11:9-10 says that if it is His will we can "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." Further, in Psalm 34:17 He says "The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles." In fact God tells His people to pour out our hearts to him, for God is our refuge (Psalm 62:8).