

## **Does God Answer A Non-Christian's Prayer?**

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Let's see what God says about who He hears and whose prayers He answers. Proverbs 28:9 says, "One who turns away his ear from the law, even his prayer is an abomination." One who is a non-Christian has chosen not to hear and obey God, so his prayer is an abomination.

One who is accountable must be a Christian if he expects God to hear and answer his prayer. One who is a non-Christian has not been saved (Mark 16:16) and still has every sin he has ever committed (Acts 2:38, 22:16) and will be eternally lost if he stays in that situation. Isaiah 59:2 says, "But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear." If one has sins of which he will not obey God's plan of forgiveness as stated in the Bible, then his sins have separated him from God and God will not hear him.

John 9:31 says, "Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him." So according to God's word, before God will hear and answer one's prayer, he must be a faithful Christian. As 1 Peter 3:12 says, "For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."