

Answering Machine

Isaiah 65:24

Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

What if God had an answering Machine?" Imagine praying, then hearing this: "Thank you for calling My Father's House. Please press 1 for a request. Press 2 for a thanksgiving. Press 3 to complain. For all other inquiries, press 4." So I press 1 and I hear: "We're sorry. Due to heavier than expected volume we are unable to make a connection with God; please try again later. Your business is important to us." [Reverend Paul Kummer](#)

My wife and I are in our mid-eighties. That necessitates numerous calls to medical offices and pharmacies. The opening paragraph is spot on when it comes to the aggravation and frustration of making contact with our health providers.

In Isaiah 64 the Israelites complained to God that he did not listen to them when they cried out to him. His response to them was that he indeed would respond to them when they prayed to him. So great is God's love, he is ready to answer prayer immediately, if not sooner.

What is more is that our prayers as believers hold great weight with him. James tells us as much when we read: **The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. (James 5:16)**. Therefore the prayer of the godly is likened to the most attractive odor which one cannot smell enough. Then He says *I will hear*. It is not only guaranteed, but it is actually already obtained" (AE 17:393). (TLSB)

Philippians 4:6-7 invites us to trade in our cares and worries for God's peace when it says: **6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

Thank God we can call on him anytime, and the line is never busy. God takes each call personally, and we will never be put on "hold"! Best of all, God often calls on us. Call him early and often.

Prayer: Lord thank you for always being there to listen to us. Amen