

# Prayer

Did you know that the first time prayer is mentioned in the Bible is in [Genesis 20:7](#)? There are strange things surrounding that prayer, but notice some of the important things.

It is the first prayer mentioned.

It is a prayer to God!

It is a prayer on behalf of another person.

It is a prayer about sick people.

It is a prayer of forgiveness.

It is a prayer because someone was not treating a woman right!

Peter talked about that to husbands! Listen:

**1 Peter 3:7**      *Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be **hindered**.*

It is important to understand that our prayers can be hindered so that we do not allow that to occur! It is also important to understand that we can keep those things, which hinder our prayers, in check!

If you think God is going to listen to you when you haven't listened to him all these years, think again! There has to be some repenting going on! That repenting isn't just simply being sorry for something, but being sorry enough to make a commitment never to do it again AND replacing that bad behavior with a decision to have good behavior. Listen to what Paul said about it:

**2 Corinthians 7:10**      *For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to **salvation**, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces **death**.*

Love to all,  
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