

## How God thinks when you pray

1 Kings 9:1-9

- I. The “Yes” promise – God sees our sincerity and wants to answer our prayers and bless us (1 Kings 9:1-3).
  - A. God’s timing: God responded to Solomon’s prayer 13 years later (1-2; 1 Kings 6:38-7:1).
  - B. God’s heart: I will listen with great care to humble prayers (3; 1 Kings 8:27-53; 2 Chron. 7:12-16).
  - C. God’s desire to personally bless: I want one of your descendants always on the throne as king (4-5; 2 Samuel 7:14-15; Psalm 89:30-37).
  
- II. The “No” warning – God knows our weaknesses and must warn us about His discipline (1 Kings 9:6-9).
  - A. The sin process (1 Kings 9:6)
    - *Turning away* from God, *disobeying* what we know is right and *servicing* other gods
  - B. The consequences (1 Kings 9:7-9)
    - Discipline: Israel will be cut off from the land and the temple rejected (7a).
    - Disgrace: Israel and the temple will be mocked (7b, 8).
    - Difficult lessons: People will realize that God disciplines His people for sin (9).