

# ABOMINABLE PRAYING

Prov.28:9

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. Prayer is an important part of the life of any true servant of God.
2. And God will hear the prayer of his faithful servants, for he is a prayer hearing God, Psa.65:2. Cf. Mt.7:7,8.
3. One fatal mistake made by many professed believers is their failure to recognize the conditionality of acceptable prayer, or their erroneous idea that prayer by any one, at any time, under any and all circumstances is always acceptable to God.
4. Such is spiritually flawed and contrary to the plain teaching of the Scriptures, and our present lesson on abominable praying is designed to show the truth of the proposition.

## II. DISCUSSION

### A. WHOSE PRAYER IS AN ABOMINATION TO THE LORD?

1. According to Prov.28:9, the prayer of anyone who turns away his ear from hearing God's law is an abomination.
  - a. This means it is something that is "detestable, disgusting, loathsome, an abhorrence, hated."
  - b. Cf. Prov.28:9 with Prov.6:16-19 and its list of other things that are an abomination; that God hates.
2. Take note that the word "even" is a key word in understanding the full force of the truth taught in the passage – a truth that harmonizes with a spiritual principle taught throughout the O.T. and N.T.
  - a. Such an one spoken of in Prov.28:9, the one "that turneth away his ear from hearing the law," is totally unacceptable unto God.
  - b. He and everything about him; everything he is and does is rejected, refused by God.
  - c. "Even his prayer is an abomination."

- d. Cf. Gen.4:4,5, "...And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering (he accepted both): But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect (he accepted neither)."
- e. It's either all or nothing! Can't pick and choose! Can't serve the Lord peace-meal! Cf. Jas.2:10.

**B. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO TURN AWAY THE EAR FROM HEARING THE LAW, AND/OR WHO IS THE PERSON WHO DOES SO?**

1. It means to put away, to remove, to refuse to hearken to or practice what the law requires.
  - a. See Eccl.12:13,14; Mt.7:21-23; Lk.6:46; 2Tim.4:3,4.
2. Take note of some examples of God refusing to hear the prayers of his own covenant people for that very reason, Prov.1:24-31; Isa.1:10-15; 59:1,2; Jer.11:11; Zech.7:11-14. Cf. Psa.66:18; Mt.6:15; 10:14,15; 18:32-35.
3. Consider: the 5 foolish virgins, Mt.25:11-13; the rich man of the rich man and Lazareth, Lk.16:19-31.
4. So often now praying at home is an excuse for turning away from hearing the law in God's own house. Such prayer is solemnly declared to be abomination.
5. God does not trifle with man, nor will he allow man to trifle with him. Cf. Gal.6:7-9.
6. In view of this, what makes men think they can reject God's law of pardon, or his plan of salvation, and still be acceptable to him? Justly is the door of audience closed against the person, any person, who will not hearken unto the law of God, the gospel of Jesus Christ, God's plan of salvation, Mk.16:15,16; Rom.1:16,17; Ac.2:36-41; 2Th.1:6-10.
7. This is why I cannot accept Denominational preachers participating in funeral services any more than I can accept instrumental music being used in funeral services!
  - a. One is no more acceptable than the other!
  - b. Both are abominable!
8. In what area of God's will can one, anyone, turn away his ear from hearing God's law, with impunity? Or be exempt from the consequences of his action?

### **C. WHOSE PRAYER WILL GOD WHO IS A PRAYER HEARING GOD HEAR?**

1. 2Chr.7:14; Psa.34:15; Prov.15:8,29; Lk.18:9-14; Jno.9:31; 1Pet.3:12.
2. Ac.8:22-24.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

1. Acceptable prayer is a matter of faith and must be offered in faith, Jas.1:6. Cf. Rom.10:17; Gen.4:4,5; Heb.11:4.
2. Prayers are heard and granted on the basis of praying in faith according to Gods will while by faith obeying his commandments pertaining to his will, 1Jno.3:22: 1Jno.5:14; Jno.15:7.
3. Otherwise praying is abominable praying!