

Unexpected Answers To Prayer

ROMANS 11:33

33. *O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!*

EXODUS 2:1-3

1. *And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi.*
2. *And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.*
3. *And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink.*

JOSHUA 3:15

15. *And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)*

I SAMUEL 17:33

33. *And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.*

I SAMUEL 17:42

42. *And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.*

LUKE 2:7

7. *And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.*

THE UNCHANGEABLE GOD WORKING IN AN UNEXPECTED WAY [62-0120]

Israel asked for a mighty king. They wanted a king to deliver them. That's what they expected God to send to them, was a king, to deliver them, a mighty king that would march like David. The Son of David would rise up, come down the corridors of Heaven, walk down to the earth in a full-Angel salute, and the Father would look out of the Heaven and say, "I'm sending down to you now the Messiah." And they had it all fixed up that that's the way He was supposed to come.

But what did they get? They got a baby instead of a mighty king, a baby born in a--a little stable, the side of a hillside, a little cave stable with straw, and the manure from the animals, and a--a baby. **But it was the answer of their prayer.** He was exactly what they needed. **But they wanted it in their own way.** They want it the way they--they thought was best. But God knows how to send it the way that He knows is best, because He's an infinite God, and He knows just how to send it.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

5. *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and **lean not unto thine own understanding.***
6. *In all thy ways acknowledge him, and **he shall direct thy paths.***

ACTS 12:1-16

1. *Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.*
2. *And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.*
3. *And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)*
4. *And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.*
5. *Peter therefore was kept in prison: but **prayer was made without ceasing** of the church unto God for him.*
6. *And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.*
7. *And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And **his chains fell off from his hands.***
8. *And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.*
9. *And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.*
10. *When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto **the iron gate** that leadeth unto the city; which **opened to them of his own accord:** and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.*
11. *And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.*
12. *And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were **gathered together praying.***
13. *And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda.*

14. *And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.*

15. *And they said unto her, **Thou art mad.** But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, **It is his angel.***

16. *But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, **they were astonished.***

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tetradion {tet-rad'-ee-on}

1) a quaternion; a guard consisting of four soldiers (for among the Romans this was the usual number of the guard to which the custody of captives and prisoners was intrusted; two soldiers were confined with the prisoner and two kept guard outside). Four quaternions of soldiers would be used to guard one all night, one for each of the four night watches.

FAITH IS THE SIXTH SENSE [60-0611E]

I tried to open the door, and the door wouldn't come open. I said, "Heavenly Father, is there something about this church the reason You just called me? Is this church what's all wound up in the brush? Is this what You are hollering Milltown? If this is where You want me, open that door for me." **I took hold the door; it wouldn't open.** Well, I set down on the step.

And just about that time, some man come walking around the church. Said, "How do you do."

I said, "How do you do, sir."

He said, "Did you want in the church?"

And I said, "Yes, sir."

He said, "I got the key." **He opened the door.**

REVELATION 3:7-8a

7. *And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, **he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;***

8a. *I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee **an open door, and no man can shut it:***

I THESSALONIANS 2:17-18

17. *But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavoured the more abundantly to see your face with great desire.*

18. *Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but **Satan hindered us.***

ACTS 16:6-8

6. Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,
7. After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.
8. And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.

II CORINTHIANS 2:12

12. Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord,

I PETER 1:1-2a

1. Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,
- 2a. Select according to the foreknowledge of God the Father...

JOHN 2:5

5. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

GOD DOESN'T CALL MAN TO JUDGMENT WITHOUT FIRST WARNING HIM [63-0724]

I don't know what caused me to do it, but I said, "Lord God, You--You owe me an understanding, see, after me going out there and--and telling that husband, and him coming to the Lord after You done these things for him, and all like that, and then take that girl's life like that." I said, "You owe me an understanding."

When you tell God something like that, He'll leave you sitting alone. I don't... He don't owe me nothing. I'm in debt to Him. Well, He just let me pout it out for a few days, you know. And, after about three or four months, one day I was out on the creek bank and the Lord spoke to me in a vision, and said, "Now go to her mother, and say this to her mother, 'Did not her time come the year before that, when she was drowning in a creek, on a picnic? She should have went at that time, but I had to take her when she was ready to go.' And that's why all this happened and why you went out there."

Then I got down and cried. I said, "Lord Jesus, forgive me, Your poor stupid servant. I should have never said that, Lord."

I KNOW [60-0417S]

And remember, no matter how great the distress is, Satan cannot take your life until God has finished with you. There is nothing can happen to you unless God permits it. There is no evil can come unless God permits it. And it's for your good He's working that.