

## "WHEN OUR PRAYERS ARE DELAYED"

(Enhancing Our Prayer Life - Lesson Four)

"But I know, that even now..." (John 11:20-27)

Appeal of your pastor: Please read chapters 16 - 19 in The Circle Maker this week! We know God hears prayers! We know He has power to answer prayers. Why are prayers often **{delayed}**?

### I. SOMETIMES IT IS TO **{STIMULATE SPIRITUAL GROWTH}**

\*II Chronicles 20:1-12    \*II Chronicles 20:15-18    \*Romans 4:20-22    \*Esther 4:12-16

Note: **{Esther}** would have missed her place in history unless she fasted, prayed, and surrendered to the will of God!

### II. SOMETIMES IT IS **{SIN}**

\*Joshua 7:1-26    \*Isaiah 59:1-2    \*Proverbs 28:13    \*Psalm 119:71

\*Jeremiah 5:25

Note: **{Achan}** missed living in the Promised Land because of his sin.

### III. SOMETIMES IT IS **{SATANIC}**

\*Daniel 10:2-4    \*Daniel 10:10-14    \*Ephesians 6:12-13    \*Matthew 17:20-21

\*I Thessalonians 2:17-18

Note: **{Daniel}** would have missed God's revelation unless he fasted and persevered in prayer.

### IV. SOMETIMES GOD HAS **{SOMETHING BETTER}**

\*Acts 16:6-9    \*Revelation 3:7-8    \*Ruth 1:16-17    \*Proverbs 3:5-6

\*John 11:3-4    \*Hebrews 11:1

Note: **{Ruth}** would have missed Boaz, Obed, and Heaven unless tragedy changed her life!