

**Mid-Week Bible Study – September 16, 2020**

**Topic: Hinderances to Prayer**

**Text: Psalm 66:16-20**

**Introduction:** Prayer is a two-way traffic communication between God and His creation. God asked us to pray and Jesus taught His disciples how to pray. Matthew 7:7; 5:23-24. But most prayers do not seem to go beyond the roof. Many prayers bounce back and not because God is not listening or lack the capacity to answer prayers. Surely, there are hinderances to prayer. Let us consider the things that hinder our prayer and how to remove them. So, that we may continue to have a continuous and unbroken communion with God.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What is Jesus recommendation when we pray? Mark 11:24-26; Matthew 5:23-24, I Peter 3:7.
2. How does a person's lifestyle affect his/her prayer? Psalm 66:18, Matthew 13:58; James 4:3; 5:16; James 1:6 (Hinderances)
3. Daniel experienced an obstacle to his prayer. What could cause prayers to go unanswered. Daniel 10:12-13; Revelation 12:11
4. When you confess your sin, forgive others, and plead the blood of Jesus Christ. What happens? James 1:6-8; Hebrews 11:6 ,

**Summary:** David's prayer was answered after he confessed his sin. Daniel prayer was hindered by the forces of darkness, but God sent angels to fight the devil on his behalf. Unforgiveness, unbelief, wrong motives, unclean heart, among others are still hindering prayers of the people. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgives us our sins and to heal the land.

**Memory Verse:** *"If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened" Psalm 66:18*