

# “WHY DOESN'T GOD ANSWER MY PRAYERS?” JOB 30: 16-31

## I. Three Ways God Answers Prayer:

#1. Sometimes God says “YES”

#2. Sometimes God says “WAIT”

#3. Sometimes God Says “NO”

## II. Three Reasons God May say “No”:

Reason #1: God says “No” because God sees the BIGGER PICTURE.

--Hebrews 4:13: “NOTHING in all creation is hidden from God’s SIGHT.”

--We can’t see the FUTURE, but God can.

Reason #2: God says “No” because God has a BETTER PLAN.

--Isaiah 55:9: “My ways are HIGHER than your ways....”

--Example: Paul planned to PREACH but God planned for him to WRITE.

Reason #3: God Says "no" when God has a GREATER PURPOSE.

### **III. Two Things to Remember when God says "No":**

#1. Remember: Everything God does, He does out of LOVE.

--Romans 8: 28: "In ALL things God works for the GOOD of those who love Him."

--Job 30:20: "I cry to You, O God, but you do not ANSWER..."

--Job 42:3: "Surely I spoke of things I did not UNDERSTAND, things too wonderful for me to KNOW..."

#2. Remember: God always gives us GRACE when He says "No."  
II Corinthians 12:9

### **IV. How Do You Respond when God says "No"?**

--You can RESIST God.

--You can RESENT God.

--You can RECEIVE God's grace and REJOICE in God.