

THE BOOK OF

PSALMS

PSALM 4

PSALM 3 and PSALM 4

- Psalm 3—morning prayer/song
- Psalm 4—evening prayer/song

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“To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.”

- Choirmaster = minister of worship (led worship in tabernacle and later temple)

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- David's Call (v. 1-3)
- David's Commands (v. 4-5)
- David's Confidence (v. 6-8)

15 Reasons for "Unanswered" Prayer

God may choose not to answer the prayer of those who:

1. Have personal and selfish motives (James 4:3)
2. Regard iniquity in their hearts (Ps. 66:18)
3. Remain in sin (Isa. 59:2; Jn. 9:31)
4. Offer unworthy service to God (Malachi 1:7-11)
5. Forsake God (Jer. 14:10-12)
6. Reject God's call (Prov. 1:24-15, 28)
7. Will not heed God's law (Prov. 28:9; Zech. 7:11-13)
8. Turn a deaf ear to the cry of the poor (Prov. 21:13)
9. Violent (Isa. 1:15; 59:2-3)
10. Worship Idols (Jer. 11:11-14; Ezek. 8:15-18)

15 Reasons for "Unanswered" Prayer

God may choose not to answer the prayer of those who:

11. Have no faith (Jam. 1:6-7)

12. Live in hypocrisy (Luke 12:1)

13. Proud of heart (Jam. 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5)

14. Self-righteous (Lk 18:11-14)

15. Mistreat God's people (Ps. 18:40-41; Mic. 3:2-4)

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Six Commands/Instructions:

1. Be angry
2. Do not sin
3. Ponder your own hearts
4. Be silent
5. Offer right sacrifices
6. Trust the Lord

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