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BACKYARD ASTRONOMY FOR ALL AGES

365  
STARRY  
NIGHTS



AN INTRODUCTION  
TO ASTRONOMY  
FOR EVERY NIGHT  
OF THE YEAR

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<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies  
proclaim the work of his hands.

Psalm 19:1 (NIV)



*Becoming*

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

<sup>7</sup> "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>9</sup> "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?

Matthew 7:7-10 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! <sup>12</sup> So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:11-12 (NIV)

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<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish **the Law or the Prophets...**

Matthew 5:17 (NIV)

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Matthew 7:9-11 (NIV)

God is good – therefore we should  
pray more and more and more.

A loved one to follow Jesus

A loved one's healing

Employment

Justice in the face of injustice

44 You have covered yourself with a cloud so that  
no prayer can get through.

Lamentations 3:44 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

Psalm 13:1 (NIV)

## Biblical Examples of Unanswered Prayer

- Moses pled with God to allow him to accompany Israel across the Jordan River. Request denied.
- David pled with God for one week to allow his infant son to live. Request denied.
- Job pled with God to take his suffering away. Request denied.
- Habakkuk prayed for deliverance from the Babylonians. Request denied.

# Biblical Examples of Unanswered Prayer

- Jeremiah prayed that Jerusalem would not be destroyed. Request denied.
- Paul prayed for the removal of his “thorn in the flesh”. Request denied.
- Jesus prayed “let this cup pass.” Request denied.

## My Unanswered Prayers

- That my dad would survive his leukemia. Request denied.
- That my brother-in-law's marriage would survive. Request denied.
- That some good friends would be healed from their diseases. Requests denied.
- That my mother would not lose her mind. Request denied.

We may ask with the wrong motives.

<sup>3</sup> When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

James 4:3 (NIV)

We may cherish sin in our heart.

<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

Psalm 66:18 (NIV)

We may not care for the plight of the oppressed.

<sup>15</sup> When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood! <sup>16</sup> Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. <sup>17</sup> Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

Isaiah 1:15-17 (NIV)

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