**Thank God for Unanswered Prayer**

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1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 (KJV) *Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

1. We have wrong \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* James 1:19-20
* James 4:1-3

1. We are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (God works in the fullness of time)

* See Isaiah 7:10-17 and Isaiah 9:6-7

Galatians 4:4-5 (NKJV) *But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.*

* Sometimes God get us into position and then everything else and other times God gets everything else into position and then gets us there.

1. We only know \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the plan or see part of the picture (His plan and provisions include more than just us)

1 Corinthians 13:12 (NKJV) *For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.*

* God will always answer prayers in the way that brings him the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

John 14:12-13 (KJV) *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. 13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*

* God says I'm going to get you in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ place I can, so when my love, my light and my glory shine forth out of your life, the greatest number of people who need it will experience it.

1. God has something \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for us.

* See Romans 8:26-27

Romans 8:31-32 (KJV) *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*

1. Answering the prayer may take us out of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* (See Matthew 6:10) Prayer is not some way to get Earth's will done in Heaven, but to get Heaven's will done on Earth. Nothing lands outside the reach of prayer, only outside the will of God.

-quote from Love Worth Find broadcast with Pastor Adrian Rodgers

* If God won't withhold any good gift from the righteous (Psalm 84:11) then don't complain about any gift God withholds.
* If we are praying and in the will of God and we don't get what we pray for praise God.

Paul's desire is to be with the Lord no matter what

* See 2 Corinthians 12:7-9 and 1 Corinthians 9:27

Closing thought: "All things work together for the good..." (Romans 8:28)