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## ***God Over-Answers Prayer!***

You have heard the phrase: "God answers prayer!"  
That is only half the truth.

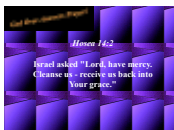
The whole truth is, "God Over Answers prayer!"  
He continually gives much more than we ask for  
God gives things we wouldn't think to request!

*I want to show you from the Scripture how God answers prayer.*

### ***God Over Answered Israel in Hosea 14!***

Hosea prophesied to Israel, "You're backslidden - but you're still God's people. Now return to the Lord and pray."

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In ***Hosea 14:2*** their prayer was simple.

Israel asked "Lord, have mercy. Cleanse us - receive us back into Your grace."

Listen to what the Lord said he would do:

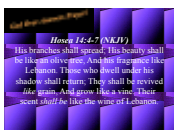
***Hosea 14:4-7 (NKJV)*** "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, For My anger has turned away from him. I will be like the dew to Israel; He shall grow like the lily, And lengthen his roots like Lebanon.

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His branches shall spread; His beauty shall be like an olive tree, And his fragrance like Lebanon. Those who dwell under his shadow shall return; They shall be revived *like* grain, And grow like a vine. Their scent *shall be* like the wine of Lebanon.

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***There had been a severe drought.***

Everything was dying because God's favor had been taken away.

God was going to send rain.

The dew of heaven represented the presence of the Lord.

God said He would cause life to spring up on all sides.

Israel would be forgiven and revived.

They would grow, become well-rooted, spread out, and thrive!

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***All they asked for was mercy, forgiveness, and acceptance.***

***But God opened the windows of heaven and poured out blessings.***

God largely Over Answered their prayer!

***God has done the same for you!***

You repented and asked God for a clean heart, forgiveness and peace.

He has Over Answered your prayer:

He gave you a clean heart

He gave you a thirst for more and more of Jesus!

He gave you eyes to see and ears to hear.

He gave you a love for His body.

He has put a hatred for sin in you.

He has protected you from the devil.

He has flooded your soul with hope, joy and gladness!

Jesus has become as your morning dew!

He waters your soul daily with His Word.

You are growing - you're not dead or dying, but very much alive in Him!

***You asked only to be saved and cleansed.***

God has poured out blessing upon blessing to you!  
He has Over Answered you!

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***God Over-Answered Solomon's prayer!***

***In 1 Kings 3:9 Solomon prayed "Lord all I want is wisdom to know how to handle Your people. I only want to be a just king."***

***It was a simple request.***

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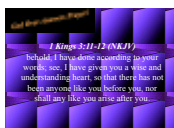
***God answered Solomon's prayer in an incredible way:***

***1 Kings 3:11-12 (NKJV) Then God said to him:***

***"Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice,***

***behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you.***

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***God is anxious is to Over Answer unselfish prayers!***

Solomon asked for an understanding heart of discernment.

God not only gave him a wise heart

God promised to make him wiser than anyone else...

Yet, God didn't stop there.

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**1 Kings 3:13-14 (NKJV)** I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days.

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So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

What an incredible response!

God added to Solomon's wisdom -blessings, honor, and riches above all other men.

On top of that, He gave him a prolonged life: "I will lengthen thy days."

***God Over Answered Israel regarding the Ammonites!***

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**Judges 10:9** "Moreover the children of Ammon passed over Jordan to fight... so that Israel was sore distressed".

***Ammon's army was marching toward Israel!***

God's people were perplexed and downcast

***Because of their troubles they began to confess their sins:***

**Judges 10:15** “We have sinned! Do to us whatever seems best to You; only deliver us this day, we pray.”

They were haunted by their sin.

They only asked God to spare them.

Their prayer was simple: ***"Lord, deliver us just this one time! Don't let us be defeated or overrun by our enemy!"***

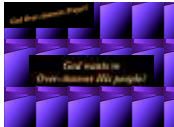
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***They prayed for a single victory.***

But, God had something more in mind.  
 God Over Answered their prayer mightily!  
 God gave protection  
 They totally subdued the Ammonites!  
 They had total victory.

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***That is just how God wants to Over Answer His people today!***

Most Christians pray, "Lord, I need victory today."  
 God says, "I'll give you that - but I have much more in store for you!  
 God wants to subdue your enemy.  
 God wants to give you more than one victory at a time.  
 God wants you to have a total victory!"

He wants to give you power to overcome – and power to subdue every enemy!

He wants you to be more than a conqueror!  
 Not just to have life but life more abundantly!  
 Not just to have joy - but joy unspeakable and full of glory!  
 Not to be free of fear just for a day, but all the days of your life!

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***God Over Answered David's prayer for life!***  
***Psalm 21:4 (NKJV) He asked life from You***

David's request was simple.  
 He asked God to save him from dying.

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God answered his prayer:  
*(Psalms 21:4)* "He asked life from You, and You gave it to him; Length of days forever and ever."  
 God Over Answered David's prayer.

*Psalms 21:3-5* says: He gave him life

He put a crown on his head,

He made him king of Israel!

He poured out honor and majesty on him.

*David exclaimed, "Lord, You've really laid it on me!"*

To top it all off, God added "exceeding gladness"

Psalms 21:6

*The Old Testament patriarchs and prophets knew all about the overflow of God's Blessings.*

They knew that God delights in plenteous, abundant, and overflowing blessings.

*Isaiah 55:7 (NKJV)* Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

God not only forgives sin

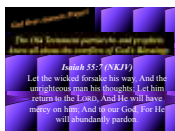
He Over Answers with abundant mercy and pardon!

*Our Father loves to give to us!*

He loves to Over Answer our cry!

*Matthew 7:11 (NKJV)* If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your Father** who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

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***They brought the who man was sick with palsy to Jesus***

***(Matthew 9:2)***

This paralyzed man wanted to be healed.

***Jesus did more than that for him.***

***Matthew 9:6 (NKJV) But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—then He said to the paralytic, “Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”***

***The sick man asked for healing but Jesus gave him much more.***

***The man got his healing.***

Jesus gave him forgiveness, eternal life, and good cheer to replace his sickness and sadness!

Jesus knew this man would walk again.

Jesus healed him body, mind, and soul.

***Listen to the thief on the cross!***

The thief who hung next to Christ asked for only one thing:

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***Luke 23:42 “Remember me when you come into your kingdom”***

His request was simple: ***“Think about me.”***

Jesus Over Answered this man's request:

***Luke 23:43 NKJV*** Jesus said to him, “... today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

The thief could not even think of being saved.

Jesus said he would be with Him in paradise.

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***God Loves to Over Answer the Prayers of His People!***

***Ephesians 3:20*** “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us”

***God will answer our prayers.***

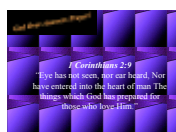
He wants to do exceedingly abundantly above all we can even imagine!

He wants to answer us according to His riches and might.

He wants to give till it runs out!

***1 Corinthians 2:9*** “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

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***God is virtually begging us to ask for great things!***

Jesus implores us, "Ask! Ask in My name!

Ask, and you shall receive.

Ask anything - whatsoever you ask.

Ask what you will.

You have not because you ask not.

God gives good things to those who ask.

He knows what you need even before you ask.

Ask the Father in My name, and He will give it to you..."

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***Isaiah 65:24 (NKJV)*** “It shall come to pass That before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear.”

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***He said I will answer you while you are thinking about asking.***