

**“The Privilege and Calling of Prayer – Part 3**

**“The Mystery of ‘Unanswered’ Prayer”**

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We begin this morning with John the Baptizer sitting in prison –  
for doing right – his expectations \_\_\_\_\_

In the book, “The Prisoner in the Third Cell,” the author asks,  
“Will you follow a God Who does not live up  
to your \_\_\_\_\_?”

In Luke 7:18ff...

“In that hour Jesus healed \_\_\_\_\_ people...”

The implication is clear – He did not heal \_\_\_\_\_ / some requests  
went unfulfilled by Jesus.

Jesus ended his words to take back to John with,

“Blessed is the one who does not \_\_\_\_\_ b/c of Me.”

Two accounts in Jesus’ ministry with application to prayer:

Luke 11:5-10 – the \_\_\_\_\_ neighbor

Luke 18:1-8 – the \_\_\_\_\_ judge

\*The \_\_\_\_\_ is key – God is nothing like that reluctant  
neighbor or unrighteous judge – and yet they were moved  
to action reluctantly, so \_\_\_\_\_ will a good God  
be moved to action!

We should pray like a \_\_\_\_\_ with his foot wedged in the  
door...like a \_\_\_\_\_ who has his opponent in a headlock and  
won’t let go.

When God does not answer according to our expectations,  
the question is not “\_\_\_\_\_?”

The question is “Will you \_\_\_\_\_ a God you do not  
\_\_\_\_\_? Will you follow a God Who does not live up to  
your \_\_\_\_\_?”

Jesus said, “And blessed are you if you do not \_\_\_\_\_  
b/c of Me.”