

“What hinders prayer?” Part 6

Text: Isaiah 1:15

Now, God tells us that He will not hear our prayers because of blood-guiltiness. Right away, we think of some being a murder when we think of blood-guiltiness; however, Jesus taught in Matthew 5:21-22 that if we are angry in our heart with someone that we will stand just a guilty as having murdered them.. You see blood-guiltiness is not just physical shedding of someone’s blood, but it is also having the intent to do so in your heart. God shows us that what we think about doing is just as bad as doing it. If we want God hear our prayers, then not only do we have to keep control of our physical actions toward others but we must also keep control over our thoughts and intents toward others!

Lord, may you help us to stand before you each day clear of any form of blood-guiltiness. Point out to us if we have any evil thoughts toward someone and give us the strength to go make things right with that person. We so desperately need to have an open line of communication with you. Help us to be filled with your Spirit so that we may keep any form of blood-guiltiness out of our lives.