

## “What Hinders Prayer?” Part 5

Text: Proverbs 28:9

Cross-references: Psalm 66:18, 109:7; Proverbs 15:8

God tells us that if we will not hear the law, than our prayers will be an abomination unto Him. The word abomination means something morally disgusting to be abhorred. Not listening to the law (the law was the part of the Bible that Solomon had during His life; thus we could use the word Bible today) will make God disgusted with our prayers.

Many people think, if they do not know their Biblical responsibilities, they will not be accountable for not doing them. This is why they avoid every thing that might teach them their Biblical responsibilities. They will not read the Bible, attend church, or discuss the things of God because they fear that in doing so, they might find out something that they should be doing. But this pretense will not work! God teaches us here that if we refuse to listen to the Bible so we can learn and grow from It; then we will still be just as responsible as if we did know our responsibilities and disobeyed them.

We need to take studying the Bible very seriously! Whether we study it or not, Christians are responsible before God to live and obey the Bible. Remember whether we take it serious or not, we will stand in judgment before God for how we lived out and obeyed His commands contained in the Bible.

Father, may we be ever mindful of our great responsibility before you to study the Bible and apply It to our life. Help us not try to remain ignorant but to be eager to learn your Word and apply it to our life!