

## “What Hinders Prayer?” Part 2

Text: Psalm 66:18

Cross references: Proverbs 15:29

David clearly states that if we have “secret” sin in our life then God will not even hear us. This does not say that God will not answer the prayer; it says that He will not hear us. If God does not hear us, there is definitely no chance for our prayers to get an answer!

To regard iniquity in one's heart means to have a secret joy in wickedness. Many people have some secret sins “locked” in a closet that they keep from God. You know it is that thing that time after time you “give” it to God to only find yourself taking it back right when you say amen! David was certainly familiar with secret sin! He committed adultery, murder, and then tried to cover it up! He thought no one would ever know, but David found the Scriptures true when they say “be sure your sin will find you out.” (Numbers 32:23)

We must remember that if we hid sin in our life; then we have God's guarantee that He will not even hear our prayers! May we strive to keep secret sin out of our life so that God may hear our prayers!

May this be our hearts prayer: (taken from Cleanse ME GHOF 166)

Search me, O God, and know my heart today; Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray. See if there be some wicked way in me; Cleanse me from every sin and set me free. Then we will be able to say, “I praise thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin; Fulfill thy word and make me pure within. Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame; Grant my desire to magnify Thy name.”