

When God Answers

Messiah Prophecies (Angel's Appearance)

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- I. Luke's unique account of facts concerning Christ/Christianity
 - a. Details concerning Zechariah & Elizabeth
 - i. Historical/ genealogical

 - ii. Spiritual
 1. BUT... "Unrewarded" righteousness
- II. The significance of Zechariah's temple service
 - a. Once in a lifetime privilege

 - b. The order of worship
 - i. Priest prayed while incense burned

 - ii. Worshippers stayed outside the temple praying around the altar on which sacrifices had just been offered for their sins

 - c. The picture of burning incense as pleasing to God in Heaven (Rev. 5:8, 8:3-4)

III. Zechariah's unrecorded prayer and an unexpected answer.
(Lk. 1:13-17)

a. Zechariah missed the answer (Lk. 1:18-20)

b. Three possible conclusions to draw from "un-answered" prayer:

1) God has said _____

2) God is saying _____

3) God actually *has* answered, but we _____.

Bottom line from Zechariah's experience:

God heard his prayer.

God still hears and He is pleased by our prayers.