

# He Heard Her - Part 1 & 2

15 Women whose prayers were answered by God  
16-Day Devotional



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# INTRODUCTION

## She Prayed, God Answered

### **Biblical Truth: Did God Ever Refuse a Woman's Prayer?**

**Clear biblical conclusion:** Scripture does not record God outright refusing or ignoring a woman who prayed in faith. He answered her.....

What we do see is:

- Delay
- Redirection
- Clarification
- Preparation

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But never dismissal because she was a woman. “God shows no partiality.” – Acts 10:34 .

God hears women equally and personally.

“The Lord hears the righteous when they cry out...” – Psalm 34:17

- Silence ≠ absence
- Delay ≠ denial

Throughout Scripture, we see women in every season of life – waiting, grieving, hoping, leading, and believing. Some prayed quietly. Others cried out in desperation. Some waited years before seeing God move. Yet each story carries the same powerful truth: God hears women when they pray.

This 16-day journey is designed to remind you that your prayers matter just as much today as they did thousands of years ago. Whether you are praying for healing, direction, peace, restoration, or purpose, the same God who answered Hannah, Esther, and Mary is still listening to you.

As you walk through these devotionals, take time to reflect, journal, and open your heart. My prayer is that you will not only be inspired by these women but also see yourself in their stories – a woman of faith whose prayers are powerful and heard.

# Prayers Redirection

## 1. Apparent silence –but not rejection The Canaanite woman

Matthew 15:21–28 | Mark 7:24–30

She begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

Jesus is silent at first, then speaks in a way that sounds dismissive.

She persists in faith and humility.

Jesus fully grants her request and praises her faith.

This is often mistaken as “God not answering,” but it is actually a delayed answer that ends in a yes.

## **2. A request that was not granted as asked**

The mother of James and John (Salome)

Matthew 20:20–23

A woman asks Jesus to give her sons the highest positions in His kingdom.

Jesus responds:

“To sit at my right or left is not for me to grant...”

Important nuance:

Jesus does not rebuke her for asking

He does not shame her

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He simply explains that the request is not aligned with God’s authority structure

This is one of the few cases where a woman’s request is not fulfilled, but it is redirected, not ignored.

## 3. Women whose prayers were answered – consistently

The overwhelming biblical pattern is this:

Hannah prayed for a child → answered (1 Samuel 1)

Esther prayed for favor → answered (Esther)

The Shunammite woman prayed for her son → answered (2 Kings 4)

Mary questioned God → answered with clarity, not punishment (Luke 1)

Widows, mothers, outcasts →

consistently heard and helped

The bigger biblical truth

Scripture does not present God as:

ignoring women

devaluing their prayers

requiring a man to speak for them

Instead, the Bible repeatedly shows:

God hears women directly, responds

personally, and often elevates their faith as an example.

If a prayer is not answered the way expected, Scripture frames it as:

timing

purpose

redirection

–not disregard.

