

Psalm 121:7-8 (NLT2)

The LORD keeps you from all harm and watches over your life. The LORD keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever.

Imagine that God gave you the ability to, every once in a while, to see in the future. Now imagine your best friend came to you wanting your wise counsel on buying a particular home or car or about marrying someone, and God has given you the ability to see the outcome if this person went through buying this particular home or car or marrying that person. Let's say that you see that in 10 years this house burns down and everything is lost. Or that the car's brakes go out 5 years down the line and that person would be severely injured and lose both their legs. Or that guy she wants to marry would start beating her after only a year of marriage.

Now I know it would be great to see these things in advanced so that you could warn the person who came to you for advice or counsel. Yet we seem to forget that those are the things that God sees and knows, and they are some reasons why He may be saying no to your prayers, even though they may seem great right now, but He knows the bad results if He allows you to have it. Or even in ministry, God may know that you will become prideful or even fall into sin down the line, so He says no for now because He knows you are not ready yet.

If you have ever read the book of Job, you see all these questions that Job and even His friends have for God. But in the last few chapters of Job, God speaks to Job, and do you know how many of those questions God answers? None of them. Now that may not sound very encouraging to you. But real faith is not hearing God answer you when you ask Him questions, but rather in seeing God at work without having to answer to you for what He is doing.

† **Isaiah 55:8-9** *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts."*

Still think God owes you answers? Look at how God responded to Job, and even us if we think God owes us answers.

† **Job 40:6-7** *Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: "Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me."*