

HOW GOD ANSWERED HARRY HUGHES' PRAYER

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Everyone of God's redeemed ones can testify to the evidence of God's Special Providence in his own life by the loving individual care he has received through the mediating work of our Lord Jesus. For example, some years ago Harry Hughes called me about a business matter. Detecting considerable stress in his voice, I inquired if something was wrong.

Quickly he replied, "No," but immediately went on to slowly say, "Yes, there is too."

"Would you like to talk about it?"

"It's my daughter and grandson, they're lying in the hospital—dying. My son-in-law is self-employed and they don't have any health insurance. But lack of insurance is not really the problem. I can handle that. But they are dying and, for the first time in my life, I am in a situation where I cannot do anything to help."

Harry had accepted Christ shortly before this time, so I said, "Harry, why don't we pray for God to bless your loved ones with physical life?"

"I think that would be a good idea," he responded.

A few days later I called Harry to inquire about the condition of his daughter and grandson.

"Oh," he exulted, "they are getting along just fine!"

"Tell me what happened."

"Well, later that day, after I had talked to you, I called the hospital to inquire about them. The nurse said that they were coming along just fine. Astonished at the good news of their dramatic turnaround, I asked her what time they began to get better. She said, 'It was at 9:05 this morning.' I yelled to my wife, 'Florence, they are getting along just fine. They are going to be all right! Prayer did it!' Eugene, the Lord is my witness, when we prayed, I glanced at my watch as I bowed my head. It was 9:05 AM!"

This happened nineteen years ago. While writing this piece I called Harry to check the events I have just recounted and he confirmed that my memory is accurate. After God's great work in the lives of his daughter and grandson, Harry and Florence began to attend the good church they still attend today. This is but one example of God's special grace constantly at work in His children's lives.

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