

LYRICS

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Album: Amazing Power 'n' Prayers

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**Here at the altar of Your heart, O GOD,
Here at Your altar I kneel, O my LORD.
On bended knees, with weeping, I call You LORD --
in awe that You, God of All, hear me**

Reading 1 from JEREMIAH 5.

"Though they say, 'As the LORD lives,' surely they swear falsely. O LORD, are not Your eyes on the truth? You have stricken them, But they have not grieved; You have consumed them, But they have refused to receive correction.... their transgressions are many; **Their backslidings have increased.**" ---

This is God's Warning not just to ancient Israel, but to us all. For God wants ALL to be saved: 2 Peter 3:9, and John 3:16-17 are not exclusively for Israelites.

(interlude music)

Reading 2

This is God's question through Jeremiah 8:5--

"Why has this people slidden back, Jerusalem, in a perpetual backsliding? They hold fast to deceit, They refuse to return."

God continues in verse 6:

No man repented of his wickedness, Saying, 'What have I done?'
Everyone turned to his own course...." Jeremiah 8: 5 and 6

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**Through Isaiah 3 and 4, God calls out --
"If you return to me, you backsliding children,
Turn back to me with whole heart, I'll take you back."
Yet sins and backsliding increase. Jeremiah 5, verse 6.**

Reading 3

This song, *Backsliding Fears Prayer*, is a **comforting** song to those who love God SO much that they fear hurting God's **heart** with their sins. **It is not about a fear of losing our salvation.** Some Christians say there is no such thing as backsliding. That sentence indicates a profound lack of Bible study, since God's Bible uses that word a LOT. **The confusion comes because there are two definitions.** For God's Grace described through His Word clearly says that our good deeds do NOT earn heaven, and our sins once we have accepted Jesus as our Savior therefore do NOT

return us to being destined for hell. **So we cannot backslide from salvation back into damnation** after accepting Jesus as our Lord, praying a prayer such as Romans 10, verse 9. **But God Himself** repeatedly uses the word “backsliding” or “backslidings” plural, and related meanings, to show our **CHOICE to move away from obedience to Him**. Our choice to reject God's way and do what we want, even if saved by Grace through Christ Jesus. Don't think about punishments and God's anger; **listen to the hurt we are causing our Almighty and Loving God in response for all His love for us:**

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God, help our hearts be broken when we hurt You.

Help us return to You and worship only you.

On bended knees with weeping, Your people beg LORD:

God, heal our Nation's backslidings.....

Jeremiah 5, verse 6.

READING 4

Here is God's accusation of religious people through Hosea 11:7 ----

“My people are bent on backsliding from Me. Though they call to the Most High, None at all exalt Him.”

BUT This is God's loving PROMISE through Hosea 14:4, which Jesus fulfilled by bringing a WAY to be healed from our sins and backslidings -- IF we just ask Him. “I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, For My anger has turned away from him.” ***See First John Chapter One for God's CURE for our backslidings when we pray to Him.***

“Yet I AM the LORD your God Ever since the land of Egypt, And you shall know no God but Me; For there is no savior besides Me. --- Hosea THIRTEEN: 4

Song Story. I live in the countryside where electric power frequently goes out. So I've learned to hit that SAVE button on the computer a lot! And -- I often lose in my fight against asking my two studios' producers after an especially good vocal track, “Did you hit SAVE?” before we start adding new work! (SORRY guys -- really!)

So both of them have frequently responded that their two (different) recording studio programs automatically back up every change.

And this is how they've “gotten even” with me -- they joke that they can always pull up an old track no matter how long ago to play for me. They joke that they can sort of “blackmail” me by playing some of them..... and wow, **the first vocal draft of this song was SO SO SO bad!** I recorded Draft 1 only a week after God guided my writing of the song, and I got so much off key in some spots that even on the recording you can hear me start to laugh at how awful I sounded! But that's GOOD --- It's yet one more evidence to show the World of the truth of **God's PROMISE in Second Corinthians 12:9**. And He [Jesus] said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” Thank God for God.....