

Psalm 106:12-15

There is a song I've listen to on the radio. It is a country western song that has a lot of wisdom and spice in it at the same time. Here are a few words:

Thank God For Unanswered Prayers

Just the other night at a hometown football game
My wife and I ran into my old high school flame
And as I introduced them the past came back to me
And I couldn't help but think of the way things used to be

She was the one that I'd wanted for all times
And each night I'd spend prayin' that God would make her mine
And if he'd only grant me this wish I wished back then
I'd never ask for anything again

Sometimes I thank God for unanswered prayers
Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers

And as she walked away and I looked at my wife
And then and there I thanked the good Lord
For the gifts in my life

Sometimes I thank God for unanswered prayers
Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers
Some of God's greatest gifts are all too often unanswered...

Israel did not have unanswered prayers in their wilderness jaunt. Israel forgot God's works in Egypt and other ones in the wilderness. They lusted for meat. They prayed to God and did not wait for His counsel and time. So "God gave them their request and sent leanness into their soul". Israel lusted for something that was not good for her and at that occasion, God chose to give it to them. But with the fat stomach came lean hearts. They did not know the consequences of their prayers. They just wanted food. If they knew the consequences, they may not have prayed that way. (like the song) I have always had a chill go down my spirit back after reading those verses about Israel.

Simply put, God knows what we need and what we don't but we tend to think that God is wrong and we are right. Ever had that problem? So we pray, request, desire, and get mad at God for not giving us what we want. When, if He did give us our desires, we would look back after years of lean life and cry with a shaking head and hurting heart. Many of us have suffered through this chapter. We don't want to read it again. Lean hearts or wise minds?

On another piece of wilderness sand, there is also a point we can get to when we don't care if it does hurt us. We still want it. This is a great shame. And with the "yes" answer from God, He sends a shallow and insensitive heart. **God seeks hearts that worship (John 4) not hearts that lust for evil (1Pe.2)**. But to fill out the picture, God wanted Israel to lust (desire) but only after Him. We are beings that are made to desire, God did that. But He also made us to be fulfilled only with Him.

So how do we make sure that we do not have leanness of soul? Well Christ is the example, "Lord, not My will but Your will be done". In the pain and anguish of being forsaken, He still wanted God's will and kingdom to come. That is waiting on God's counsel. That is having a broad heart. So check out your prayer. Are you praying with or without God's will? If without, I hope you have many unanswered.