

Does God answer the prayers of the unsaved?

This is a question that is frequently asked and I'm not sure I can give you a complete answer to the question, but I can give you some of the indications of the answer. If you mean, does God answer the prayers about ordinary things that an unsaved man might pray about, his family, desire to have something new, his job, his promotion, I don't really know the answer. I'm not sure whether the Bible tells us whether God does or doesn't and yet the Bible does tell us that God does care for us. And, therefore, that inclines me to think that God does sometimes answer the prayers of unsaved people as part of His general care for the world. When an unsaved person prays for rain, God sometimes answers that, for example, because we're told that God sends rain on both Christians and unsaved people alike and so that may be an answer to the prayers of an unsaved person. If you're asking me the question, does God answer the prayers of an unsaved person that pertain to his eternal salvation the answer is yes. God certainly does. The person who cries out to God for eternal life will be heard. The Bible very clearly says, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." We have an interesting example of God hearing the prayers of an unsaved person about this matter of knowing God in the man Cornelius. In Acts 10, where we are introduced to this man, we are told that his prayers and his alms ascended as a memorial before God and God then sent Peter to his house to tell him about the Lord Jesus Christ and how he could have eternal life. So, if you're asking God how to know Him, God has already answered that prayer. He's told you and he's telling you now through this broadcast that the way to know him is through Jesus Christ, by accepting Him as your personal Savior. Then you can be sure that as a Christian God hears and answers your prayers because you are now a member of the family of God.