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Give Him No Rest

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Have you ever taken a rather lengthy car trip with your children and wished they'd just fall asleep so that you could get some "rest?" You know what I mean. Just how many times in a seven hour trip can your children ask, "Are we there yet?" or "How much longer till we're there?"

I found it interesting while reading from Isaiah 62:6-7 that the prophet Isaiah instructed God's people to "give Him [God] no rest" with reference to prayer. In other words, don't stop praying. Don't stop making intercession. Don't stop asking. Don't stop petitioning God until your prayers are answered. "Give Him no rest!"

Praying "without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17) and giving "God no rest" does not imply that we "aggravate" God by our repeated petitions, but what it does do is demonstrate to God just how serious you are about the petitions we are making. Remember the effective "fervent" prayer of a righteous man avails much (James 5:16).

Is there something in your life that you need to pray about? Then do so, but do so in such a way that, to borrow Isaiah's phrase, you "give Him no rest."

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