

Teaching letter - the Power of Prayer

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What is prayer? Communion with God. But then there is prayer and there is PRAYER. Prayer that bounces off the ceiling and prayer that PENE-TRATES THE HEART OF GOD. There is prayer that accomplishes little and prayer that EFFECTS GREAT CHANGE.

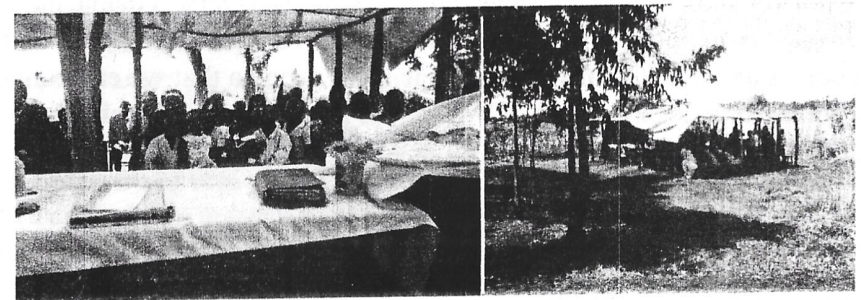
1. James 5: 16 – 18 “The prayer of a righteous man HAS GREAT POWER IN ITS EFFECTS. Therefore the first necessity to having your prayers answered is to live a RIGHTEOUS LIFE.
2. In Exodus 32: 31 – 34 we read how Moses prayed. He stood in the gap for the people of Israel, and God answers his prayer immediately. We too must STAND IN THE GAP.
3. Mark 14: 36. Jesus prayed “Aba Father all things are possible for thee take this cup from me, yet not my will but thy will. “Jesus was prepared to be obedient even unto death. Therefore we too must be OBEDIENT.
4. 1 Kings 18: 36 – 39. Elijah prayed with FAITH. He took responsibility to make it happen “even at risk of the baal worshipers who might kill him if his God did not answer. God answered with fire burning up the sacrifice. We too must pray with FAITH.
5. Daniel 9: 36. Daniel prayed with fasting for the people who had turned from God.. He was disciplined and prepared for the task ahead, even as training prepares soldiers for war. We are not fighting flesh and blood but principalities of evil. We need to be disciplined and FAST for our land, for those who have turned from God and fight these principalities who deceive man, by PRAYER and FASTING.
6. John 4: 23. Tells us to PRAY IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH for such the Father seeks. This is praying in the Holy Spirit whom the Father gives us.
7. John 11: 33 – 36. Jesus prayed with COMPASSION. This makes whom or what you are praying for PART OF YOU, making you prepared to go the extra mile to make it happen. Sometimes God is waiting for us to do our part for Him to do His. He had to wait for Elijah to gather the baal worshippers together and challenge them to build alters to their Gods and he to build his alter to the living God. It was then that God answered with fire.
8. Isaiah 40: 31. Where Isaiah teaches us TO WAIT UPON THE LORD for it is here that we renew our strength. We can do nothing, or very little on our own strength, but as we daily wait upon the Lord HE GIVES ALL THE STRENGTH WE NEED for HE IS ALL WE EVER NEED. Ephesians 1: 3

How do we bring all this together? A balance of COMPASSION TO TAKING RESPONSIBILITY to make it happen, for the feeling of compassion causes the action. Prayer is not just saying prayers. Prayer is ACTIVE EFFECTUAL COMMUNION WITH THE LIVING GOD Who effects the ANSWER. This often causes **you** to be chosen to effect the answer an become to God an extension to His outstretched hand.
10. AND GOD WILL ANSWER. When we do our part to make it happen, we can be sure GOD WILL DO HIS PART TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. To enable this to happen WE MUST PUT GOD FIRST and LOVE HIM FIRST above all things. When we do this, something wonderful happens.

Ephesians 2: 6. He raises us up with Him in the heavenly places and then gives us His authority of His name and the power of His Holy Spirit to cast out demons and diseases, to heal the sick and to become part of His answer to a lost and dying world. Yes you and I can EFFECT GREAT CHANGE when we really learn how to pray, as God would wish us to. When we do this, know we get to know God and the more we know God, the more we will KNOW THAT GOD WILL DO IT.

Let us rise up and pray. Let us be part of god’s answer to this hurt and needy earth, let us become God’s outstretched hand to the people God loves, with His love and compassion, which He gives to us freely.

Simply come to God in prayer and allow prayer to become the most exciting, glorious, victorious and challenging fellowship and action with our wonderful God who loves us so much. We don’t have to wait to go heaven before we can have this fellowship with God and go on assignments for Him. WE CAN DO IT NOW, while we are still here on this planet earth. When God tells you to do something DO IT and you will see the answer yourself, for HE IS THE LIVING GOD.



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