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The Power Of Prayer

This is about how to get answers from God, without having any doubt. Once we understand this, we will never struggle any longer. For too long the body of Christ has struggled to get answers from God. We prayed and prayed but no answers.

Luke 18:1-3-*“Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: “in a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God or care about men. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with a plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary’.*

Today I want to tell you that prayer has to be **Intentional**, prayer has to be **specific** with an intention. Many of us don't receive answers to our prayers because we are not specific. God sees your thought and intentions behind every request you make to Him.

1John 5:14 *“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us”.*

Many of us don't receive from God because we don't have **confidence**.

Genesis. 18: 17-*“Then the Lord said: “shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?”*

V.23-*“Then Abraham approached him and said: “will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked?”*

V.25-*“Far be it from you to do such a thing, to kill the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?*

V.27-*“Then Abraham spoke again: “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes”.*

God brought to Abraham his intention, and His intention is to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham knows what God wants to do for Sodom and Gomorrah and here Abraham is approaching God with all the confidence. He says, “Will thou destroy the righteous and the wicked?” Look at Abraham, he is approaching God with the

confidence. Abraham recognised God as a just God and also as a judge of all the earth, he didn't approach God with empty words.

Ask your neighbour as to how many times do you go to God with empty words, and repeat the same thing over and over. The reason why you go to God with empty words is because you don't know that God is the judge. Abraham was called 'a chosen of God', but even that, he approached God with fear and trembling. His prayers had a purpose that's why he had the confidence to approach God like that. John, the disciple says, only when our thoughts and intentions are right will we receive from God. Can't approach God with empty words.

Some people pray for three minutes and expect God to answer their prayers. Those prayers have no weight, and are not intentional.

[Psalms 119:113-](#) *"I hate double-minded men, but I love your law"*

Example

Take an example of a court case. How many of you have had a court case? Why did you go to the advocates instead of going straight to the court and fight on your own? This is because you don't know the law therefore you go to someone who knows the law to help you. Now ask your neighbour, 'do you know why you haven't received your answer until today?' It's because you don't know the law, therefore you go to God with empty words. You have nothing to argue with.

Now God is saying, when we approach Him, we have to recognise that He is the judge, this is our confidence. The bible says that all the promises are yes and amen. God can't go against His promises.

Also God wants us to **be specific** when we approach Him because He is the judge. First of all you need to know your rights. Simon the leper did not know his rights that's why he said, "Lord, if it is you will". Some people pray like this: Lord, let your will be done. No, no, you have to approach God knowing that He is there to give you your rights. It is His will for you to be healed, blessed, etc.

The Blind Bartimaeus heard that, the bible says, Jesus passed by. You know what, Jesus will pass you by if you are not specific. Jesus said to him, 'what do you want me to do for you?' He wanted him to be specific.

Number 1- blind Bartimaeus did his research. He heard that Jesus healed the sick, and for him being the son of David, he knew that he had the rights to be healed and blessed. Batimew knew that he was waiting for his chance; he also knew that Jesus was the one sent by God. He went to Jesus knowing that he is the son of David and not the son of Mary as it could be seen.

Mark 10:47-*“When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, Jesus son of David, have mercy on me”*. Blind bartimaeus said Jesus son of David, have mercy on me. His prayer had intentions. As a christian, your life should be changed, people don't want to read the word and know the law of God. They just want to be prayed for. When Jesus sees you, He asks you, 'what do you want me to do for you'

Mark 10:51-*“What do you want me to do for you? Jesus asked”* blind bartimaeus was a beggar and blind, first thing he asked for was his sight.

When you go to God, He wants hear that thing that is deep in your heart. He (Bartimaeus) didn't say his will be done, instead he said, 'I want my sight'. He didn't beg for it, he knew God's will for his life.

What do you think healed him? It was his research. He obeyed that which God says. Faith is to be obedient to what God says.

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God is teaching about prayer. There is a widow and a judge and the bible says that this man feared neither God nor man. What is this picture that God is bringing to us today? He is telling us that when we go on prayer we have got to recognise that he is the judge. The judge is supposed to stand for the law. God is saying, the church of Jesus today is perishing because they do not know the law. You need to know your rights before approaching God in prayer.

In the Jewish custom a widow is a person who has no hope at all. But because she knows her rights, she has the confidence to go the judge and demand for them. She never gave up until the judge gave her rights.

Why do people give up? Its because they don't have intentions and haven't done their research.

If we knew the will of God we would have approached our situations and received our rights.

For example the bible says if you don't work then don't eat. Then you need to approach God with the confidence that it is your right to get a job because if you don't then you will be violating his word.

Example

For me I started working as a messenger, then I took accounts classes, I passed and I got promoted and became a clerk. Then I worked hard and when I left the office I was the top manager.

Once the spirit of God came to Jesus and He saw a woman who was bent over. Jesus went over and healed her. The Pharisees and the Saducees went and question Jesus as to why he heals people on the Sabbath. Jesus tells them that she is the seed of Abraham and she had the right to be healed.

What is your evidence? You can become the daughter or the son of Abraham if you ask God to forgive you of your sins. Jesus came and died for you, Peter, the disciple says, 'by your stripes I ma healed'. John says, the blood that was shed has the power to wash me from any unrighteousness. He became curse, the bible says, cursed is the one hung on a tree.

- **Call for Salvation-to get the legal right to be the daughter and son of Abraham.**

1John 1:9-*“if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness”*

Deutronomy 7:15-*“The Lord will keep you from every disease. He will not inflict on you the horrible diseases you knew in Egypt, but will inflict them on all who hate you”*

Mathew 8:17-*“This was to fulfil what was spoken through prophet Isaiah: “He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases”*