

PRAYER Is Powerful

Have you talked to Yahweh¹ recently? Do you personally know the joy of praying and the beautiful power behind it? Truly, prayer is powerful. In this pamphlet we are first going to study how to pray powerfully, and then we are going to look at some examples of the powerful effects of prayer.

How can you pray powerfully? Is there a specific place you must be, a specific way you must pray, or a specific position (e.g. kneeling, etc.) you must be in? The answer to these questions is, "No." To pray powerfully, you must believe in Yahweh with all your heart, and truly mean what you say.

Hebrews 11:6 – **"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to Yahweh must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."** We must come to Yahweh in faith. As we come before Him to pray, we need to believe that He is there for us, and that He hears our prayers and will answer them according to His perfect will.

1 John 1:9 – **"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."** We must come to Yahweh in repentance. We cannot live a life of sin and yet expect to have a close relationship with Yahweh. We must turn from our sins. Ezekiel 18:21,31 – **"Yahweh says, 'If the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all My statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall**

not die. Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways, for why will ye die?"

Matthew 26:39 – **"Not as I will, O Yahweh, but as Thou wilt."** We must come to Yahweh in submission. Yahweh does not always say "Yes" to our requests. Sometimes He says, "No" or "Wait". When we come to Yahweh in prayer, we must seek His will, not our own. We must realize that Yahweh's ways are much better than our own, and that if He does not give us what we want, it is for our own good. Isaiah 55:8-9 – **"For My thoughts are not your thoughts,' saith Yahweh, 'Neither are your ways My ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.'**" Romans 8:28 – **"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love Yahweh, to them who are the called according to His purpose."**

Psalm 25:1 – **"Unto thee, O Yahweh, do I lift up my soul."** We must speak to Yahweh from our hearts. Yahweh does not want us to be nervous in His presence, or to withhold from telling Him the deepest things of our hearts. When we come into His presence, we need to lift up our souls to Him, pouring out our hearts and confiding in Him. Yahweh wants to be your best Friend. He knows everything about you, and wants you to pour out your heart before Him in full release, **"casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you."** (1 Peter 5:7) We can tell Yahweh the things that we would tell no one else, for He already knows these things, and is there to sympathize with us when we share with Him.

Now that we have talked about how to pray powerfully, we will look at some

examples of the powerful results of prayer.

1 John 1:9 – “**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**” When we come to Yahweh in truly repentant prayer, He wipes our sins away. He gives us a clean and renewed slate, free of sin and guilt. Isn’t this amazing? Truly it is one of the most powerful results of prayer.

James 5:17-18 – “**EliYah (Elijah) was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.**” The people in EliYah’s country were not honoring Yahweh. EliYah wanted them to see that Yahweh was the Almighty, and that He was not pleased with the way they were living. He earnestly prayed that there would be no rain, and Yahweh granted His request.

When we turn from our sins, and pray to Yahweh for mercy, He hears our prayers. In the Book of Jonah we can read of a very sinful people whom Yahweh decided to destroy. When the King of these people heard of Yahweh’s anger against them, he proclaimed this word to His people: “**Let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto Yahweh; yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if Yahweh will turn and change His mind, and turn away from His fierce anger, that we perish not?**” (Jonah 3:8-9) What happened when the people turned from their evil ways and prayed to Yahweh for mercy? Jonah 3:10 –

“Yahweh saw their works, that they turned from their evil way, and Yahweh decided against the evil that He had said that He would do unto them, and He did it not.”

James 5:15 – “**And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and Yahweh shall raise him up, and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.**” Sometimes when someone is sick, everyone will start praying for them. There can be a few people praying for an individual, or there can be hundreds of people praying for him. Whether there are a lot of people or a few, Yahweh honors these prayers. Though He does not always heal the person (Remember, His ways are not always our ways, and He is much wiser than we are.), there are times when He says, “Yes”, to our prayers, and heals the person’s sickness.

There are people who have died, and who have come back to life again, because of fervent prayer. In 1 Kings 17:17, a woman’s son died. “**And EliYah cried unto Yahweh, and said, ‘O Yahweh Almighty, I pray Thee, let this child’s soul come into him again.’ And Yahweh heard the voice of EliYah, and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.**” (vs.21-22)

1 John 1:3 – “**Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Yahshua Messiah.**” ² When we walk in fellowship with the Father and Son, we

become like Yahweh, and develop a very sweet friendship and closeness with Him. This is the wonder of prayer. James 4:8 – “**Draw nigh to Yahweh, and He will draw nigh to you.**”

Truly, prayer is powerful. Do you experience the beauty and power of prayer in your life? If you haven’t yet, why don’t you go into a quiet place now, and talk to Yahweh about yourself, Him, and whatever else is on your heart?

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To learn more about Yahweh and the sweet relationship that He wants to have with you, go to the Scriptures. The Scripture is Yahweh’s Word of love to you, teaching you what you need to know about Him, life, and more.

Don’t forget to pray. Prayer is very powerful.

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