

Power Over the Enemy

Prayer

Father in Heaven, our hearts are asking with all earnestness that your cleansing grace and power will be revealed in our lives. May this not be just a beautiful vision, but, oh Lord, may we receive **You** in this moment into our hearts as our Lord, our Savior, our Redeemer, that the Word of Christ may be accomplished in us, that we may look into the face of Jesus, knowing that our souls are cleansed. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

Recap of last night

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.” Luke 4:18-19 KJV

“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” Mark 16:17-18

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me.”

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9. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord
 - "Jesus is my Lord"
 - Jesus is my Lord

- Jesus is the Lord over my family
- Jesus is Lord over my health
- Jesus is Lord over my finances
- Jesus is my Lord.
- "I go into all the world. I do preach the gospel"
- "I cast out demons"
- "I speak with new tongues"
- "I lay hands on the sick and they recover"
- "I treat others the way I want to be treated"
- "I put the mission first... the mission is the great commission"
- "I have an anointing that abides...it doesn't lift... it doesn't decrease...I am anointed all the time"
 - It lives in me
 - It walks in me
 - It talks in me
 - I am anointed;
 - I am anointed all the time.
 - The anointed one lives in me so I am anointed.
- "I have power and authority over all the ability of the enemy...wherever I meet him, Christ in me wins!"
- " I can do the same works Jesus did...I can do greater works"
 - Not because of me but because Jesus gave me this authority.

Having Power and ability over the enemy – and all his power.

"I have the power & authority over all the ability of the enemy. Wherever we meet Christ in me wins.

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed.
The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16 KJV

In the first part of this verse James has healing in mind. "Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another".

Why? "That you may be healed".

Verse 14 & 15 added conditions for healing for the body of Christ, are confession and prayer for one another.

In the last part of this verse, James is speaking to everyone and not just the body of Christ. "The effectual fervent pray of a righteous person availeth much"

This tells us that mere formal or routine prayers are of no avail (they don't produce results); we must really pray. Pray from the heart, the heart of Christ in us.

So what is fervent prayer? This scripture gives us a mighty key that unlocks a realm that few enter.

It teaches us how to pray, get answers and releases tremendous power into lives. Even Jesus' apostles did not know how to pray. They asked the Lord to teach them how. We too must learn how to become effective in our prayer lives.

Not even saying prayers in a fervent way will do it if it's not fervent in your heart.

EXAMPLE

Your strength or tone of voice matters not with God.

Pray from the heart.

Some of us are little better than the man who got tired of repeating /reciting the Lord's Prayer, so he wrote it on a piece of paper and taped it to the wall over his bed. And at night before bed he would simply say "Lord, there's my thoughts" and with that he would get into bed and go to sleep.

If you could pray the way Jesus did, would you?

Jesus himself prayed fervently. The Word teaches us,

"Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears to him that was able to save him from death, and was heard " Hebrews 5:7(KJV).

Fervent Strong's G1754 – *energeō* ἐνεργέω *energeō*

Pronunciation = inner gay o [ENERGY]

1) to be operative, be at work, put forth power

a) to work for one, aid one

2) to effect

3) to display one's activity, show one's self operative

Noah Webster 1828 - Fervent

1-To be hot, to boil, to glow

2-Hot; boiling;

3- Ardent; very warm; earnest; excited; animated; glowing; as a fervent zeal;

Fervent in the spirit Romans 12:11 "...fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;"

This is how we should pray over / for people.

The hot, boiling, glowing prayer of the righteous person availeth much.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love and of strong/sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7 KJV

So don't be afraid to pray.

Effectual fervent prayer of power, love and a strong mind.

Effectual fervent prayer of power, love and a sound mind.

Do you see now why a righteous persons prayer availeth much?

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Fervent = Hot, boiling, glowing

When we pray for someone can any of these words describe how we are praying?

Hot, boiling, glowing

Holy Spirit Revelation:

This prayer is hot with power, the love for the person just boils over and the mind of God glows in the joy over the one set free.

So how do we get a heart that can pray like Jesus?

I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abide in me, and I in him, the same bring forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing.

This next verse is the key.

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it will be done to you. As the Father loves me, so have I love you: continue in my love. John 15:5, 7 & 9 (KJV)

Verily, verily, I say to you, He that believes on me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these will he do; because I go to my Father. John 14:12 (KJV)

Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. Mark 11:24

Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you: For every one that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8 (KJV)

And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.” Mark 9:28-30 (NKJV)

Will not go into great detail now but fasting and prayer brings you into a more one-ness with Christ.

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, Ephesians 6:17-19 (NIV)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (KJV)

I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. 1 Timothy 2:8 (KJV)

And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they will be forgiven him. [James 5:15 \(KJV\)](#)

This scripture implies some of us are just simply saying words.

For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayers: [1 Peter 3:12 \(KJV\)](#)

of times Prayer is mention in the bible.

prayer 114x, pray 313x, prayed 65x, praying 20x =512x.

We need our prayers to be a pouring out of our hearts to God – like Jacob, succeeded by wrestling with the Lord. Genesis 32:28

So how do we get a heart and pray like Jesus?

1. Believe.

If our prayer life is weak and ineffectual the root is most likely a lack of compassion or Christ’s truths are mere ideas and not truths in our hearts.

Christ was moved by compassion

Compassion

Noah Webster Dictionary 1828

1. A suffering with another; painful sympathy; a sensation of sorrow excited by the distress or misfortunes of another.

Is this what we feel when we are praying for someone else?

Now a certain *man* was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. It was *that* Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick." When Jesus heard *that*, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up." Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. And He said, "Where have you laid him?"

They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" John 11:1-5; 11; 14; 34-36 & 43 (NIV)

"But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity..." Psalm 78:38 KJV

"And Jesus went and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick." Matthew 14:14 KJV

"Then Jesus called his disciples to him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, or they faint in the way." Matthew 15:32 KJV

"So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him." Matthew 15:32 KJV

"And Jesus, moved with compassion, put out his hand, and touched him, and said to him, I will; be clean." Mark 1:41 KJV

However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." Mark 5:19 NKJV

“And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.” Mark 6:34 KJV

Young man from Nain – dead “And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her,.. Luke 7:13 (KJV)

Many examples of fervent prayers

Effectual Prayers

- *Abraham for Sodom / Lot*
- *Moses for his people when they repeatedly turned from God.*
- *Joshua called for the sun and moon to stand still*
- *Samuel, Hezekiah, Job, Daniel, Peter, Paul and many others*

The Word is full of promises that the Lord will hear and answer real prayer.

The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth. Psalm 145:18 (NKJV)

“Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you; for everyone that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened.” Matthew 7:7-8

“For prayer to be answered the man who prays must be a righteous man.”

Many have been made righteous in Christ. “So by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. “ Romans 5:19

The Lord will never consider anyone righteous apart from trusting and obeying Christ, and receiving new life through His shed blood.

When James speaks of a righteous man, he is speaking of one who is righteous in Christ – living a righteous life.

One who is constantly / conscientiously trying to live a life well-pleasing to the Lord.

“The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry” Psalm 34:15

The righteous cry, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. Psalm 34:17 (KJV)

“The prayer of the upright is his delight.” Proverbs 15:8

James himself was call “the righteous” History says that James prayed so much he had great calluses on his knees and was sometimes called “camel knees”,

A fervent prayer by a righteous man “availeth much” is of great power.

There is more power in that kind of prayer, by that kind of man, than there is in the wind, the waves, or the storm, because it moves the hand of God.

Prayer can be either a force or a farce; a mighty weapon, or an empty form.

And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. [Matthew 6:7](#) NKJV

Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain: And it didn't rained on the earth by the space of three years and six months. James 5:17 KJV

He prayed for the ears of God not the ears of man.

While Elijah was praying for others, the Lord was willing to do the miraculous for him. Let us not be selfish in our prayers, but ask for the salvation and blessing of others. If we are more than Christ minded we are Christ hearted, we will not be greatly interested in material things, but more interested in spiritual blessing.

As we pray so will we live.

If we pray for self we will live for self; if we pray for other we will live for God to use us to minister and bless others.

Remember, fervent heartfelt prayer is the key to an effective prayer life.

It is the power in prayer that will shake the nations with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

So how do we pray like Jesus?

1. Believe

2. Be move by compassion

Do you need a touch from God?

He is here and wanting to minister to you.

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