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message "As in the Ancient Days"

INGREDIENTS FOR POWERFUL PRAYER THAT GOD WILL ANSWER

Praying God Prayers

- **John 15:7** If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.
- **1 John 5:14-15** And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Praying God Prayers

- ⦿ **An example...**
- ⦿ **James 1:5** If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth (chide or taunt) not; and it shall be given him.
- ⦿ When we pray what God wants for us He will answer. When we pray “God Prayers” He will not only answer but also equip us to do His will.

Praying With Faith

- ⦿ Praying with confidence not a “hope-so-think-so attitude”
- ⦿ **Matthew 21:21-22**, ... Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this *which is done* to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Praying With Faith

- **Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- **Hebrews 11:6** But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Praying With Faith

- **James 1:5-8** If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth (chide or taunt) not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

Double Minded

- Strong's Greek Dictionary
1374. διψυχος dipsuchos
[Search for G1374 in KJVSL](#)
- διψυχος dipsuchos *dip'-soo-khos*
from 1364 and 5590; two-spirited, i.e.
vacillating (in opinion or purpose):—
double minded.
- See Greek [1364](#)
See Greek [5590](#)

Double Minded

- **Romans 8:7** Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
- **James 4:4** Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Praying God Prayers with Faith

- **Romans 8:24-28** For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for *it*. Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of* God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Pray With Persistence

- I will not let go!!!
- **James 5:16** Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Elijah Prays for Rain

- **1 Kings 18:41-45** And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for *there is* a sound of abundance of rain. So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, *There is* nothing. And he said, Go again...

Elijah Prays for Rain (provision)

...Seven Times

- ⦿ And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare *thy chariot*, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

Jacob Wrestles with God (blessing)

- **Genesis 32:24-26** And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

The Persistent Widow and the Unjust Judge

- **Luke 18:1-8** And he spake a parable unto them *to this end*, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

The Persistent Widow and the Unjust Judge (justice)

- And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

The Persistent Knocker

- **Luke 11:5-13** And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity (persistence) he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

The Persistent Knocker (hospitality and alms?)

- And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if *he* ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Canaanite Woman

- **Matthew 15:21-28** Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel...

Canaanite Woman (deliverance)

- ...Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great *is* thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Obligating Ourselves to Prayer

- **James 5:14-16** Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Pray Until there is an Answer

- Strong's Greek Dictionary
2171. εὐχή euche
[Search for G2171 in KJVSL](#)
- εὐχή euche *yoo-khay'* from 2172;
properly, a wish, expressed as a petition
to God, or in votive obligation:—prayer,
VOW.
- See Greek [2172](#)

The things prayed for (in this message)

- Provision
- God's blessing
- Justice
- Hospitality/Alms
- Deliverance
- Prayer as a commitment