

Biblical Prayer



***The Power
of
Prayer***

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13 And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.

14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

2 Kings 6:13-22 - continued

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

19 And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria.

2 Kings 6:13-22 - continued

20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them?

22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.

Introduction

- A. Prayer reveals how close Gods help is**
- B. Prayer can lead out of an “impossible” situation**
- C. Prayer can open the eyes of the enemy**

I. Prayer Is A Direct Line to God

A. Prayer brings us into the presence of God

Psalm 145:18

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

B. Prayer allows us to communicate with our Heavenly Father

Matthew 6:9

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

I. Prayer Is A Direct Line to God

C. Prayer is the means by which God hears and answers

1 John 5:14-15

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

II. Prayer Invites God's Power Into Our Lives

A. Prayer invites God's intervention in our circumstances

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.

B. Prayer activates God's power to change situations

Mark 11:24

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

II. Prayer Invites God's Power Into Our Lives

C. Prayer taps into the limitless power of God

Ephesians 3:20

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

III. Prayer Transforms Our Hearts And Minds

A. Prayer aligns our hearts with God's will

Luke 22:42

Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

B. Prayer renews our minds and helps us to focus on God

Romans 12:2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

III. Prayer Transforms Our Hearts And Minds

C. Prayer brings peace that transcends understanding.

Philippians 4:6-7

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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