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## What Does God's Word Say About... The Power of Prayer?

Only those in Christ, after having obeyed the gospel (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:27), have ACCESS to the throne of God (Eph. 2:18, 3:12). In Christ, we are privileged to approach God's throne! We can boldly come before the throne of grace, "since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:14-16). Confidently, we who are in Christ may draw near to the most holy God. The Hebrew writer told fellow brethren, "since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water" (Heb. 10:19-22). Christians who continue to "walk in the light," will have fellowship with God and will have the continued privilege to approach God's throne (1 John 1:5-10).

According to scripture God only listens to the prayers of the righteous. God does not listen to a sinner who PRACTICES wickedness, but to those who are righteous (1 Peter 3:12). In Christ we can be righteous (2 Cor. 5:21). To remain in Christ and righteous, we must practice righteousness (1 John 3:7). When we call upon Him, the prayers of these righteous people will be answered (Psm. 4:1-3). In the day of trouble, God is always ready to help (Psm. 86:5-7).

The power of prayer: 1) "Accomplishes much for the believer" (James 5:16), 2) It is heard and answered by God (1 John 5:14-15), 3) Will grant the petitions and supply the needs of His children (Matt. 7:7-11), 4) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us of our sins (1 John 1:9), 5) It helps the child of God overcome temptations (James 1:2-8), 6) It gives us peace that passes understanding (Phil. 4:6-7), 7) It gives us wisdom (James 1:5), and 8) It gives us our physical needs (Matt. 6:11, 33).

The power of prayer is minimized when we do not put into action our faith and trust in the Lord. For instance, we may pray for those who are physically sick to recover, but do nothing on our part to help to supply their needs while they are sick (Matt. 25: 36). We pray for the needy, and then do nothing in our power to help supply their needs (Prov. 21:13; James 2:15-17; 1 John 3:17). We pray for the spiritually lost, and do nothing to teach them the gospel (Matt 28: 18-20). We should pray for daily bread, but we must work for it (2 Thess. 3:10-12).

Remember, the power of prayer does not save the sinner apart from obedience. Faith and obedience save the sinner who is outside of Christ. Salvation comes from obedience to water baptism (Gal. 3:26-27).

Prayer is absolutely essential to our relationship with God and our spiritual walk with Him. Take quality time to pray to God each day, and you will be blessed!

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