

#120 UNDERSTANDING THE PRAYER OF FAITH

Q: “I believe in miracles, but I have a hard time believing God cares when I have a bad cold, or a headache, or when the doctor says I need surgery; isn't that just part of life so we pray for God to help us through it?”

Matthew 10:29-31 “Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. ³⁰ But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.”

A: Jesus knows about every little thing that happens to you and He cares about everything about you, because He loves you!

Q: “I was diagnosed with a progressive disease that is very frightening to me. I am a Christian, but I have never really prayed before, and I need you to pray for me.”

Mark 9:23-24 “Jesus said unto him, “If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief!””

A: It is very important to hear God's word, that will build your faith in Him. Listen to Christian music, good sermons, read scripture aloud, and pray aloud, because by hearing God's word, your faith will increase.

Romans 10:17 “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

A: God gives you precious promises in His word, so that you may believe and be healed.

Exodus 23:25 “And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.”

Deuteronomy 7:15 “And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness...”

Jeremiah 30:17 “For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds”, saith the Lord...”

Joshua 21:45 “There failed not ought of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.”

Q: “Those promises are good ones, but weren't they written for Israel a long time ago? Are God's promises for us today?”

2 Corinthians 1:20 “For all the promises of God in him (Jesus) are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.”

A: All the promises of God are yes for you and me today, through our Lord Jesus!

John 1:1,14 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...”

Psalm 107:20 “He sent his word, and healed them and delivered them from their destructions.”

God sent His word from heaven to earth in times of old by speaking through angels, and spoke the same word of His Spirit to become flesh in His Son, and He continues to speak to us through His written word that He spoke through holy men of old.

Isaiah 55:11 “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”

A: God sent his word, Jesus, to accomplish his purpose in you – complete salvation for your whole body, soul and spirit.

Isaiah 53:5 “But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and by his stripes we are healed.”

Psalm 103:2,3 “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.”

Q: “That is so wonderful, but I prayed and I'm still sick. Am I missing something?”

James 5:14-15 “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...”

A: God wants to work his will of healing in you but commands that you believe and speak His word found in the scriptures.

Deuteronomy 30:11-14 “For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.”

A: Join your faith with believers who are mature in their faith. Ask these elders in your church to come to anoint with oil and pray for you, then decide once and for all to believe God and refuse to go back to wondering if he is there for you or not.

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."

Matthew 13:58 "And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."

A: What you say after prayer is very important – your words reveal what you believe in your heart.

Mark 11:22-24 "And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

A: But the key is NOT to have faith in your words, rather to have faith in our mighty God, who is faithful to keep His word.

Acts 3:6 "Then Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

Acts 3:7,16 "And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all."

A: Jesus is the same today as he was in Peter's day for all who believe in him.

Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

Mark 16:17,18 "And these signs shall follow them that believe...they shall lay hands on sick, and they shall recover."

A: Healing is to be as simple as childlike faith in our Daddy God who loves and takes care of us. It matters not when, for in God's sovereignty He will choose to heal us in His time and for His higher purpose that we may not understand. Our part is to ask and believe as His thankful child, while understanding in faith, that God's ways are higher than our ways and simply trust Him. God's higher concern is always the healing and wholeness of our hearts, and He uses the circumstances of our lives as a teacher, but still we can know and believe that we shall be healed and made whole by the promises in His word that are yes and amen in our Lord Jesus. By faith, we trust His word that healing will surely come to pass.

PRAYER: *Our Father in heaven, I believe that you forgave all my sins and healed all my diseases by your finished work in our Lord Jesus on the cross. Thank you for blessing my food and water, and for your promise to take sickness away from me and keep me free from every disease. Thank you for faith to believe that what I have asked you in prayer will come to pass as Jesus said, through the power of His name and the faith that comes through Him. Thank you for saving me, and for healing and wholeness, in Jesus name, Amen.*

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