

SINGLE ALLIANCE
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COMMANDING PRAYER

I. Introduction

- A. Today I want to start a short series on the prayer of faith- Commanding prayer, Petitioning prayer, and praying in the Name of Jesus
- B. Today I want to talk about the prayer of faith- two types- petition and commanding prayer of faith
- C. Jesus laid the foundational framework for New Testament praying in the book of John. John was written to the believers.
- D. **Acts 1:1**- We as the church we have taken up the ministry of Jesus and are doing it in His stead. We should look on how he ministered and we need to do it like he did it. He even taught us how in the book of John.

II. Prayer of Faith- Two kinds

A. John 14:12-14

- 1. When we ask in His name **Jesus will do it**

B. John 16:23-26- This refers to petitioning prayer

- 1. When we ask the Father in His name **He will give it**

C. The asking in John 14 is not the same as in John 16

- 1. John 14 speaks of doing the works of Jesus.
- 2. ask- aiteo- means to ask, require, call for, or demand. This is commanding prayer
- 2. This receiving is based what Jesus has already provided.
- 3. **Mark 16:17-18**- This speaks of us taking up the ministry of Jesus. There is not mention of asking God for these.
- 4. God has already provided authority over Satan and demons and healing.

D. John 16

- 1. This deals with receiving something you fresh you need from God. This is called petitioning prayer.
- 2. Includes wisdom, direction, daily provisions, and has more to do with your own personal needs
- 3. This is based upon the promises of God.

E. Many think the prayer of faith is always prayed to God. However, the classic verses on the prayer of faith deals with commanding prayer instead of petitioning prayer.

F. **Mark 11:23-24**- This connects commanding to believing prayer

G. **Matthew 21:21-22**- This connects commanding to believing prayer
H. If you look at Jesus life you will see Him constantly speaking and commanding when it came to healing or casting out devils. He did not ask God for it. It commanded it. We are now ministering in His stead. We need to do it His way.

I. You might be saying, why do we need to do it that way? God honors however we pray as long as we are sincere. Parents do you want your kids to do things the way you say or come up with other ways to do it?

J. What about the healing in **James 5:14-15**? Does it not say that the elders should pray to God for people to be healed?

1. It says they should pray- this is to God. This comes first to get the mind of God. Then they are to pray the prayer of faith.

2. The word prayer is euche- it is only used three times in the New Testament. The other two times it is translated by the word "vow".

3. Vow means to promise, dedicate, but also means to declare or solemnly assert something.

K. Here we see that these two types of praying working together. We will talk about this next week

III. What are you doing?

A. Are you asking God to do things He has already done? You will not see results on a consistent basis.

B. If God has already done it then you need to use your authority and command it in the natural and Jesus will do it.

C. If you need something fresh then ask the Father in Jesus name and he will give it.

D. You will be a much more effective minister in Jesus name when you minister to others like Jesus did. You need to command sickness and the devil to leave and that the power of God to be released.

E. It is important to do this in faith.

1. Based upon rhema

2. Must believe it is happening when you pray before you see it.

3. It must be in Jesus name- we will talk about this in two weeks.

F. Pray for those who need to receive healing or freedom from the work of Satan.