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We Live By Faith

Faith and Prayer

I. Faith in Prayer

A. [**Ephesians 1:18-19**]- Paul prayed for three areas of the Christian life

1. Who we are- our calling as saints
2. What we have- inheritance
3. What we are to do- power released by acting on our faith

B. Prayer is involved in each of these areas

1. [**Luke 11:9-10**]

a. vs. 9- ask, seek, knock-present tense; given, finds, opened-future tense

b. vs. 10- ask, seek, knock- present tense; receive and finds are also present tense, opened is future tense.

c. What already belongs to us we can receive by faith.

Provisions and virtues belong to our inheritance. However, we cannot just believe a door be opened to us. We must knock and see if it will open to us. If it opens we should check our hearts to make sure God opened it.

2. vs 9- refers to the natural; vs 10 refers to the spiritual- we must believe we receive before we will see it in the natural.

3. asking refers to things that we need, seeking refers to virtues and attributes, knocking refers to opportunities for service

a. asking prayer is the prayer of faith

b. seeking- we are to seek or pursue- righteousness, things above, peace, face of God

c. knock- this is looking for open doors- [**Acts 14:27; 1 Cor 16:9, 2 Cor 2:12, Col 4:3, Rev. 3:8**]

C. We are looking in this lesson about receiving the things we need to fulfill our calling and to do what God has called us to do. There are two types of prayer of faith Jesus spoke about. One is receiving prayer and the other commanding prayer

II. Prayer of faith- receiving prayer

A. This deals with things for yourself.

B. In limited cases where you have authority over someone else you can pray the prayer of faith

C. We do not have control over other people's wills and hearts.

D. [**John 16:23**]- We ask the Father in Jesus name

1. Ask in the name of Jesus- A name carried the concepts of one's character, standing, and merits.

2. [**1 John 5:14-15**]- We must pray according to His will- in line with the character of Jesus/ Word of God

3. We must believe we receive when we pray- Mark 11:24

III. Prayer of Faith- Commanding Prayer

A. [**John 14:13-14**]- This is not the same prayer as the receiving prayer

B. ask- aiteo- to ask, require, demand, or insist- Amplified brings out the different meanings here.

C. In receive prayer we pray to the Father and we receive from Him. In commanding prayer no mention is given to praying to the Father. Instead we are to ask or demand in His name and He would do it.

D. Receiving prayer is done between us and the Father. Commanding prayer is done between us and the natural world around us- We can command what we have authority over. God commands us, and we command what we have authority over.- Satan, sickness, lack, circumstances in the Earth.

IV. Two types of prayer work together

A. How do you know which prayer to use? If you have been given authority over it then you use commanding prayer.

B. In dealing with other people and situations out of your immediate control you must find out the will of God before using commanding prayer. You need the wisdom of God on what and how to command.

C. Prayer for wisdom falls under receiving prayer- [**James 1:5**]- You must believe you receive wisdom if you ask him. Once you have wisdom then you can use commanding prayer

D. Jesus never prayed to God to heal anyone. The disciples in Acts never prayed for God to heal anyone when ministering to them. They always used commanding prayer. We are to pray for wisdom, but then we are to use commanding prayer

1. **Acts 3:6**

2. **Acts 9:17-18**
3. **Acts 9:33-34**
4. **Acts 9:40**
5. **Acts 14:9-10**
6. **Acts 16:16-17**
7. **Acts 28:8**

E. [**James 5:14-15**]- In these two verses we see both types of prayer working hand and hand. Let the elders pray over [concerning] him.

1. proseuchomi- face to face prayer with God- This is finding out leading from him on how to pray

2. prayer of faith- euche- only used three times. Two other places it is translated vow- This word means to make a declaration. The declaration of faith will save the sick. This is commanding prayer

F. [**Acts 9:40**]- prayed and then commanded

F. [**Matthew 21:21-22**]- Jesus again brings out these two types of prayer of faith