

ACCUMULATIVE PRAYER

Prayer is a powerful privilege that God has given us. Satan wants to disarm us by feeding us the line that God is not going to answer our prayer. Prayerlessness in the life of a believer is an indication that we think we are not dependant on God or that we are just too lazy.

There are 3 examples in scripture that encourages us continue to pray without ceasing.

I. Jesus' command on how to approach Father

Ask, Seek, Knock

Mat. 7⁷ "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

⁹ "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

- A. Ask and receive
- B. Seek and find
- C. Knock and the door will we opened.
- D. v 8 – Everyone who asks receives
- E. v-9 You get what you ask, seek, and knock for.
If bread, fish, etc. is what you asked for that is what you get.
- F. v 11 The Father in heaven is passionate about giving good gifts to those who ask him.

The entire passage carries the meaning of asking and continuing to ask.

II. The Unjust Judge

Luke 18: 1-7

2.. There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: ³ And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. ⁴ And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, **Though I fear not God, nor regard man;** ⁵ **Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me**

- A. The need demands more than a **one time prayer**-
She was a widow that needed avenging.
- B. The need demands more than a **few days prayer**-
- C. The need demands we **continually pray until we get an answer.**

God heard us the first time but has purposed that we seek him earnestly. **Learn from three mothers who spent years praying for a child and received.**

- * **Rachel** the mother of Joseph
- * **Hannah** the mother of Samuel
- * **Sarah** the mother of Isaac

D. The widow receives an answer just because of her continual persistence to appear before the judge and asking.

Let's spend our time before The Judge of the universe that can render a decision on our behalf. His decision cannot be overturned.

Our prayers build up and accumulate. Have you ever stopped to think about the accumulative effect of your prayers.

III. John's revelation of God's response to prayer.

A. Accumulated prayer is released before the 7 seals of judgment are opened to be released during the tribulation.

Rev. 5 ⁶ Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.

¹² In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

¹⁴ The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped. **6** I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals.

B. Accumulated prayer is released before the worst judgments the world will ever now is released; the seventh seal that releases the seven vial judgments.

1. There is 30 minutes of silence in heaven.

2. Prayers are poured on the altar.

Rev. 8 When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

² And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

³ Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne. ⁴ The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand. ⁵ Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

Don't stop asking!

seeking!

knocking!

You get what you ask for! The more you pray the greater will be the results.

Ill. a build of power and its release. Put weight on a thin board as you preach until it breaks.

Read list of prayers answered.