



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

SERIES: EFFECTIVE PRAYER

PRYR02-“Targeted Prayer”

Week April 22-28, 2018

Scripture Reference: James 5:16b-18 NKJV

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^{16b} The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. ¹⁸ And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

1. In Sunday’s message, Pastor MGB indicated in Point A that effective prayer “prays the will of God.”

What does it mean to “pray the will of God?”

How can you know whether you are praying according to the will of God?

2. In Point B, Pastor MGB indicated that effective prayer “prays with confidence and expects results.”

What does it mean to pray with confidence?

What does it mean to expect results?

Isn't it arrogant or presumptuous to pray with confidence and expect God to do it?

3. According to Point C of Pastor MGB's outline, we have to "recognize the place of righteousness in God."

Discuss.

Why is it difficult to pray effectively when you are not walking in obedience to God?

4. The final point that Pastor MGB makes is that effective prayer "makes the promise of God the foundation of all prayer."

Discuss.

Why should our prayers be founded upon the promises of God?

APPLICATION

In this exercise, identify someone from your KHG who is willing to share a prayer request. Intercede as a group for that person, applying the following tips:

1. Identify from the Word of God, what the will of God is for that request.
2. Once you have identified God's will, begin to pray in confidence for the manifestation of what God promised in His Word.
 - Remember, no doubting, unbelief, double-mindedness, distrust, etc.
 - Also, make sure there is no unforgiveness in any of your hearts.
3. As you intercede, make sure that you and the person(s) for whom you are praying are open to God's grace, that there is no condemnation in your hearts, and that all of you believe you have a right to the promises of God.
4. Identify specific promises from the Scriptures that relate to the need and use those Scriptures as the foundation for the prayer.

For example, if the request is for healing, you might say:

"Lord God, we thank You for your promises of healing. According to Your Word in 1 Peter 2:24, You, Your own self, bare our sins in Your own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: and it was by Your stripes that we were healed. Thank you for healing..."

Note: the more Scriptures you can apply in support of your request, the better.

5. Thank God for doing it – and wait for the manifestation, praising Him in advance.

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