

Prayer Part 2

Prayer is the engine that will drive and push our lives forward as we live our lives unto Him. A prayer to be effective it needs to be uttered from a righteous life person as God's Word declared, **"16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."** (James 5:16 KJV) **As we confess our sins and renounce them, living in a righteous life then God shall answer our prayers.** We will study now a life of a righteous man who served God honestly and whom God answered his prayers effectively.

This servant was the servant of Abraham, as well as he was the servant of God. **"1 And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. 2 And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh."** (Genesis 24:1-2 KJV) Abraham entrusted him with a great task and he did the task wholeheartedly and without compromising. Abraham in his old age was facing the task of finding a wife to his son Isaac. It would not be possible to take for him any woman from the Canaanites around them, so he told to his servant: **"3 And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell."** (Genesis 24:3 KJV)

And the Lord had put in the heart of Abraham that if there will be a woman from his old family who is willing to come out from that tradition and religion and join them in their new life for God then she will be the right woman for Isaac, **"4 But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac."** (Genesis 24:4 KJV) Then the servant asked him **"5 Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest?"** (Genesis 24:5 KJV) The servant knew that it will be hard for a woman to leave her family and move to live far away from them. The point of Abraham that his son Isaac should not go back to the old religion and the old tradition because when God had called Abraham He told him, **"Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:"** (Genesis 12:1 KJV) So Abraham now was working to ensure that his son Isaac would not go back to what he was before God's calling. So he told his faithful servant the following: **"6 And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again."** (Genesis 24:6 KJV)

In addition to the above instructions to his servant, Abraham imparted to him the message of faith as well when he said **"7 The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that I sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence."** (Genesis 24:7 KJV) And he made it also clear to him that in no way to compromise and bring his son back there, **"8 And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again."** (Genesis 24:8 KJV)

The servant complied with God's call and committed himself to do the task: **"9 And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him concerning that matter."** (Genesis 24:9 KJV) And he moved fast to accomplish the task **"10 And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor. 11 And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water."** (Genesis 24:10-11 KJV) He moved with faith in God and in His heart he wanted to achieve the task faithfully to God and to his master Abraham. Therefore when he reached there, **"12 And he said O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham. 13 Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: 14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master. 15 And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder."** (Genesis 24:12-15 KJV) So before he finished praying God answered his prayer because his heart was clean and was set to serve God wholeheartedly. He knew that God's will was not to bring Isaac back to the old tradition, so the message of God would be conveyed truthfully to the next generation. **"16 And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up. 17 And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. 18 And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hastened, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. 19 And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. 20 And she hastened, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels. 21 And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not."** (Genesis 24:16-21 KJV) God truly answered his prayer and he confirmed that as he watched closely how God was moving to help him to achieve the mission entrusted to him. **As your heart is fully committed to serve God and do His will, then the Lord will help you and uphold you with His grace to do His will.**

After that the events went in a smooth way: **"22 And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold; 23 And said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in? 24 And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor. 25 She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in."** (Genesis 24:22-25 KJV) And he praised and thanked the Lord for that **"26 And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD. 27 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren."** (Genesis 24:26-27 KJV) God confirmed to the servant the instructions that he received from his Master Abraham.

Then after, this is what had happened: **“28 And the damsel ran, and told them of her mother's house these things. 29 And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well. 30 And it came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well. 31 And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the LORD; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels. 32 And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that were with him.”** (Genesis 24:28-32 KJV) Truly the steps of the righteous man are ordained by the Lord as God's Word says, **“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.”** (Psalm 37:23 KJV)

“33 And there was set meat before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on.” (Genesis 24:33 KJV) The servant was so faithful to his master and to God, that even after long journey he would not eat in their house unless he will tell them why he came and unless they will agree with him and send the girl with him. So he told them the whole story: **“34 And he said, I am Abraham's servant. 35 And the LORD hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses. 36 And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath. 37 And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell: 38 But thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son. 39 And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me. 40 And he said unto me, The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house: 41 Then shalt thou be clear from this my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give not thee one, thou shalt be clear from my oath. 42 And I came this day unto the well, and said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way which I go: 43 Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink; 44 And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: let the same be the woman whom the LORD hath appointed out for my master's son. 45 And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew water: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee. 46 And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels drink also. 47 And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou? And she said, the daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the earring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands. 48 And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son. 49 And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.”** (Genesis 24:34-49 KJV) So he told them everything and waited for their decision; if they will agree then

he will eat, if not then he will go back. There is no way that Isaac will go back, but Rebekah to come out and follow God's way that Abraham and Isaac were following.

And praise the Lord they agreed, **“50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good. 51 Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken. (Genesis 24:50-51 KJV) As you obey God He will be the one to bend the people before you and you do not need to be afraid and compromise.**

“52 And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, bowing himself to the earth. 53 And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things. 54 And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night.” (Genesis 24:52-54 KJV) **Never forget to praise God and give Him all glory as He answers your prayer.**

“And they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master. 55 And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go. 56 And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master. 57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth. 58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.” (Genesis 24:54-58 KJV) The family of Rebekah after they agreed they wanted to delay the servant ten days more, and most likely they will do in these ten days the traditional and the ritual things that they use to practice, or maybe they will ask from him money or even they may change their minds. But the servant was firm with them and his mind was clear; he challenged them that he was going back and he will not delay, and he forced them to ask the girl if she was willing to go with him then he will take her. Truly they were put in their right place and complied with God's will. **“59 And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men. 60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them. 61 And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.”** (Genesis 24:59-61 KJV) The servant was so faithful to the mission of God. **Someone else might stay and enjoy food and celebration or have a tour in the region around and see the nature. Worldliness will not help us in our walk with God but it makes our life and our mission's work more difficult.**

“62 And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahairoi; for he dwelt in the south country. 63 And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming.” (Genesis 24:62-63 KJV) Isaac was meditating on God's goodness and was waiting for answer prayer, as well as Rebekah was looking forward to the new plan of God in her life: **“64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel. 65 For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself.”** (Genesis 24:64-65 KJV)

“66 And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done.” (Genesis 24:66 KJV) The faithful servant reported the whole story of how God led him and how God answered his

prayer and how He gave him the wisdom to speak and how finally Rebekah was willing to come out from that tradition and her old faith. Isaac listened to the servant testimony to be sure that this woman was from God and was brought to him according to God's way. **"67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death."** (Genesis 24:67 KJV)

My Dear and Beloved: For God to answer your prayers then you need to live a righteous life. Therefore, take heed of the message, follow the principles and be faithful to God and to the instructions that you received, so you will live a righteous life, and God will answer your prayers. Let us go again through the instructions.

1. Abiding with the instructions. To live a righteous life to God and to serve Him you need to abide with the instruction that you are receiving. You are an important person for God to do Him certain task and once you commit yourself to do a certain task then you need to abide with the given instruction.

2. Verify any doubt with the person who gave you the instruction to grasp the spiritual principle behind the instruction. When you receive instruction and you are not convinced or happy with, then at once verify it with the person who gave it to you and find out the bottom line of the spiritual principle behind it so that you can grasp, obey the Word of God and put the instruction into action and in such a way you will live a righteous life before God.

3. Take the call of God and obey Him with faith. To live a righteous life you need to take the call of God and serve Him with faith, for He is there to back you up and you do not need to compromise with anyone.

4. Do not be afraid to commit yourself to the work of God. Commit yourself to work with God and to serve Him, and in such you live a righteous life and God shall answer your prayers and prosper you as you serve Him. .

5. Be diligent in your service. Laziness and delaying is sin, therefore, do not linger or hang on when God is calling you. But be quick to put on the ground the works of God, and He will answer your prayers.

6. Be prayerful in applying the instruction given to you. In the mission field God will answer your prayer as long as you keep faith on Him, living a righteous life and abiding with the principle of God's call. The prayer of a righteous man avails much. This servant did not pray much but he obeyed much and that is why his prayer was answered. Therefore obey much then you will find yourselves know how to pray, as well as you will find yourself in the field and the harvest of answered prayers.

7. Act as a watchman and with discretion to be sure of God's choice and how he is answering your prayer. As your heart is fully committed to serve God and to do His will, then the Lord will help you and uphold you with His grace to do His will. God confirmed to the servant the instructions that he received from his Master Abraham and the things

went very smooth after that. **The same shall go with you as you live a righteous life and commit yourself to serve God; He will answer your prayers and give you His choices.**

8. Praise and thank God for what He achieves to you in your mission. While we are doing the mission work and serving Him, the Lord would achieve certain things, and we need to be very careful and not forget to thank Him, and this is part of our righteous life. In this way, we are acknowledging His faithfulness toward us in the task we do. Therefore, rejoice as you watch everything is arranged for you, as had happened with that faithful servant.

9. Remember always that the steps of the righteous man are ordained by the Lord. Truly the steps of the feet of the righteous man are ordained by the Lord as God's Word says, **"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way."** (Psalm 37:23 KJV) Things will fall in place and God will be glorified in your service and ministry as you delight to serve Him wholeheartedly. Therefore, live a righteous life and God will direct your steps toward what is good for you.

10. Do the mission of God first and do not let food and other entertainment delay you. Be always careful about food. The devil will use food to tempt you as he tempted the woman in Genesis 3, **"1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons."** (Genesis 3:1-7 KJV) And how he tempted Jesus as we read in Matthew 4, **"1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."** (Matthew 4:1-4 KJV) Therefore comply with God's Word, have self-control, and avoid the food that the devil gives to you when he tempts you to break the Word of God.

11. Do not be afraid of people. As you obey God then He will be the one to bend the people before you and you do not need to be afraid and compromise.

12. Give always the credit to God. Never boast about yourself, and never forget to praise God and give Him all glory as He answers your prayer.

13. Be firm and never compromise with men. Avoid worldliness so you can be firm with people and can avoid compromising with them, and in such you can represent God in a perfect way.

14. Report everything honestly. Be honest and transparent and report everything to the people who had entrusted you to serve them; in such you will live a righteous life and God shall answer your prayers.

15. Rejoice that others are blessed with your ministry. God will reward you for your righteous life and your service to Him as you are serving His faithful people and bringing the truth to the next generation.

Take heed of the message and be faithful to God and to the instructions that you received. As that servant obeyed the instruction of Abraham and secured a Godly wife for Isaac, he secured for Isaac to have Godly children in the future and for the truth of God's Word to be passed to the next generation. You do the same, stand firm, be on your guard and not compromise in order that the truth and the message of God will pass faithfully to the next generation.

This servant of Abraham might be not prayed much but he obeyed much and God answered His prayers and set him a good example to others to follow God. **In the same way for you, live a righteous and an obedient life to the Word of God and to the instruction that you received from God's Word and in such you will be a good example to others to follow and serve God.** Let us pray

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your clear message to me. Lord thank you for your Word that teaches me your ways and showed me clearly how to live a holy and righteous life in serving you in a proper way. Lord thank you for the ministry that you entrusted to me to serve you. Lord thank you for all the teaching, the rebukes, the corrections and the admonishments that we received in this message.

Now repent and renounce all your sins. Repent of your stubbornness and your non willingness to follow instruction. Repent and renounce your lack of faith and your lack of full trust on God and on His Word and the power of prayer. Repent of your lack of fear of God, and living and doing your own ways, will and plans. Repent of your worldliness, and your love and attachment to the traditional practices. Repent and renounce all your idols and your old religious beliefs. Repent of your selfishness and non willingness to serve and help others. Repent of being bad example to others, your non willingness to serve God and suffer for Christ. Repent of your non willingness to reach the lost souls to bring them to Christ. Repent from wasting your time and spoiling your mind with the Media, News and games. Repent of your lack of reading God's Word in the Bible and your lack of living a life of prayer. Lord forgive me, I repent from the following sins _____ . Lord I repent from doing my own and I repent from disobeying the instruction that was given to me in the following matter _____ . (Confess to God how you disobeyed the instruction that the church leader had been given to you).

Lord I commit myself to stand firm in doing the mission and the task that you entrust to me. Lord I commit myself to live in holiness and righteousness. Lord I have a clear mind and I commit myself that I will not compromise; I will serve you faithfully to bring your

message and the truth of your Word to the people and even to the next generation. Lord I commit to you this prayer request _____, and grant me Lord success in this mission that you are leading me to do. Lord give me the strength and the good health to do that, protect me, provide for me, and answer all my prayers, in Jesus name Amen.

Lord help each and every one of my Brothers and Sisters who repented of doing their own will and going on their own ways, to abide with the instruction that was given to them and to keep all the principles that we learned in this message about prayer. Lord as they live a righteous life, help them in their struggles, answer their prayers, do miracles for them, and continue to lead them in the way that they need to go, protect them and provide all their needs.

Lord bless us as your church and help us to continue to give clear instructions from your Word to all our workers, families and members, of how to live their lives and how to do your works. Lord I pray that people will be attracted to you through our good example and the way we live for you and the way we obey the instructions. Lord raise more prayer warriors among us. Lord refill us once again with the Holy Spirit, and lead each and every one of us to evangelize and make new disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them your Word and bringing them to your feet. Lord lead us to train new faithful workers to go and plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord I pray for more people to get water baptized, and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord prepare us for your coming that we will go with you when you come to take us. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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