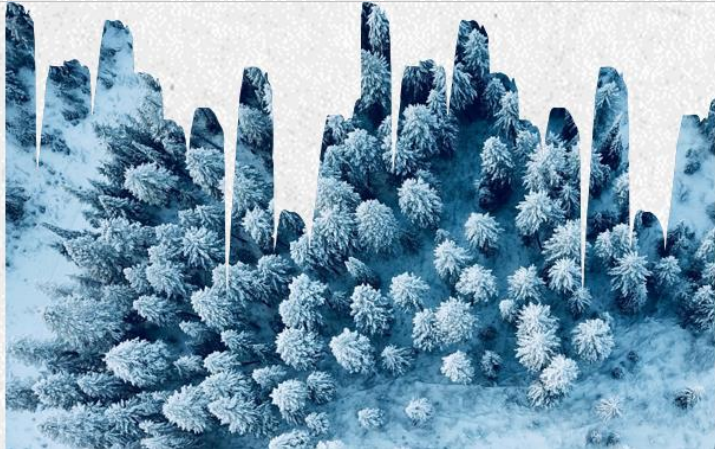


HIGHER GLORY (Part 16)

What Should I Do to Make God Appear For
Me as 'the Lord Almighty'?

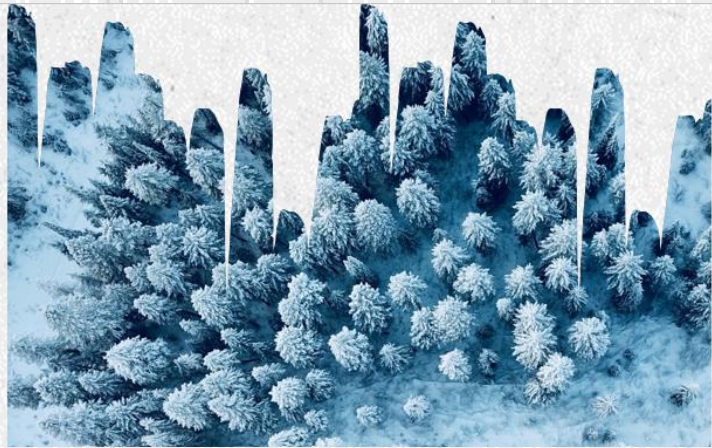


Ans.:

“BUILD A FERVENT AND EFFECTIVE PRAYER LIFE”

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TEXTS:

HAGGAI 2:9 (NIV)

⁹ ‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the LORD Almighty. **‘And in this place I will grant peace,’** declares the LORD Almighty.”

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, **just as by the Spirit of the Lord.** (The transformation journey is by the Holy Spirit).

Ephesians 3:20-21

“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, be the glory throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen”

“BUILD A FERVENT AND EFFECTIVE PRAYER LIFE”

Dictionary defines:

Fervent as “passionate intensity”.

Effective as “successful in producing a desired or intended result”.

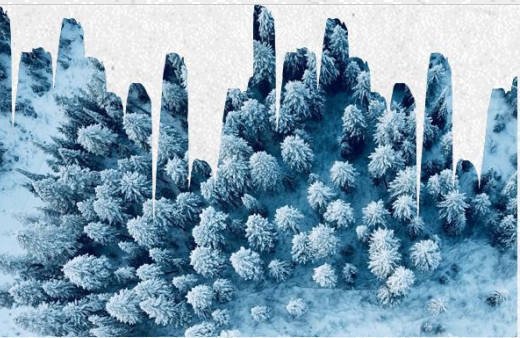
In Matthew 9

² Some men brought to Jesus a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the man, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.”

V7-8: ⁷So Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “Get up, take your mat and go home.” ⁷ Then the man got up and went home. ⁸ When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man – ***the fervent and effective prayer availed.***

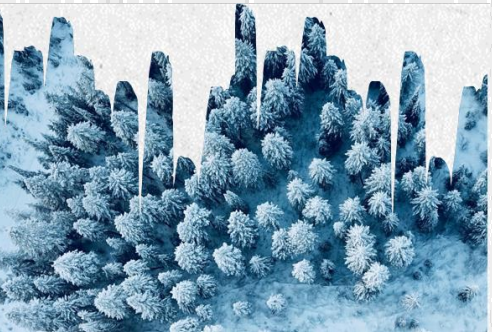
Brethren, what Jesus saw in these men was a “fervent” heart with passionate intensity. That passion got the paralyzed man forgiveness of his sins and moved Jesus into action.

A fervent heart is a humble heart and God rewards humility.



James 5:16 (NKJV)

“Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”



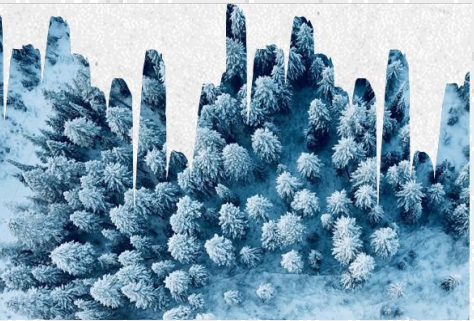
We notice that first thing Jesus said to this an was “your sins are forgiven” because healing cannot not come on a unrighteous man.

Though the passionate intensity of the other men were leveraged for the paralyzed man, the later had to directly be forgiven his own sins before he can get his healing.

So, when we pray, we need passionate intensity and forgiveness of our sins. It is safe to at this point covet the righteousness of Jesus and cover yourself in it.

In asking us to “**BUILD A FERVENT AND EFFECTIVE PRAYER LIFE**”, God is not talking about momentary prayer time.

God is looking for an institutionalized prayer system – **a life style**.



For example

Jesus is sinless and righteous

All He need to do to make His prayer effective is to be fervent.

1. John 11:32-36 showcases how fervent Jesus was:

³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother, Lazarus, would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled (passionate intensity). ³⁴ “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied.

³⁵ **Jesus wept.**

³⁶ Then the Jews said, “See how He loved him!”

Jesus was about to ask God for something big, so He needed that fervent (passionate intensity) state to make His prayer effective.

John 11 (contd.)

³⁸ Jesus came to the tomb. ³⁹ “Take away the stone,” Jesus said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

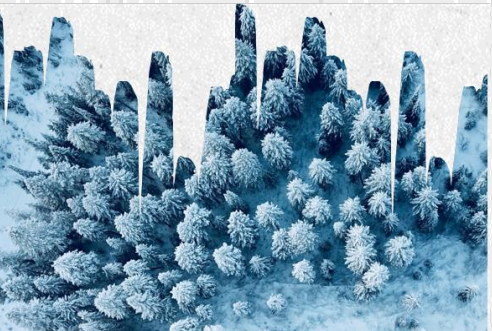
⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

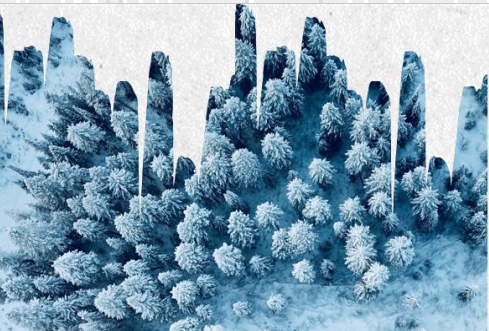
⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.” ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

Brethren prayer must be: a life style, fervent, believe, sin-free, effective and avail





**Fervent heart be accompanied with sin-free life for prayers to work
In Luke 19:41, though Jesus wept, the sin Jerusalem hindered it from getting
the blessing**

⁴¹ As Jesus approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it ⁴² and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes (so there was no repentance). ⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”

**Though the fervent heart of Jesus was there, there was no
contrite/repentant heart to receive it. So, no effective result.**

**What Jesus has demonstrated was not just for moment of raising Lazarus
from the dead, entering Jerusalem etc. BUT it is a life style He diligently built
and practiced.**

Hebrews 5:7 says:

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⁷ During the days of Jesus' life on earth, He offered up prayers and petitions with **fervent cries and tears** to the One who could save Him from death, and He was heard because of his reverent submission.

In Matthew 12:7-8, the Lord said

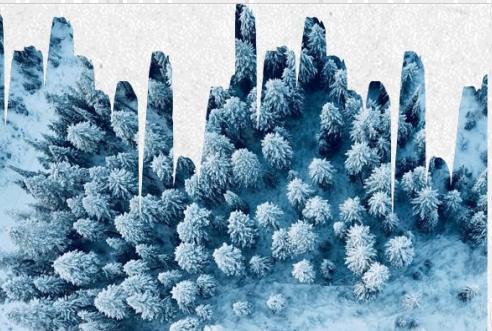
⁷ "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

ASK: Make a request – say something (but don't ask amidst)

James 4: "² You do not have because you do not ask God. ³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."

SEEK: This is preparation - Fervent cries (passionate intensity), repent of sin, fasting and righteousness: coveting the righteousness of Jesus upon yourself.

Knock: closeness with God always – you cannot knock on a door unless you are close to it. **For every prayer, Jesus looked up. He was close to God.**



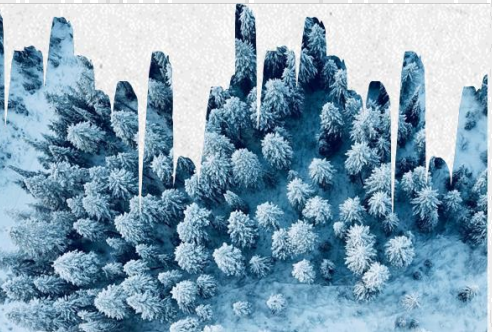
To make sure that we do not have to go through the cycle each time, God says BUILD IT OUT: “BUILD A FERVENT AND EFFECTIVE PRAYER LIFE”. Jesus built His own! Once built out, it becomes available each time we need.

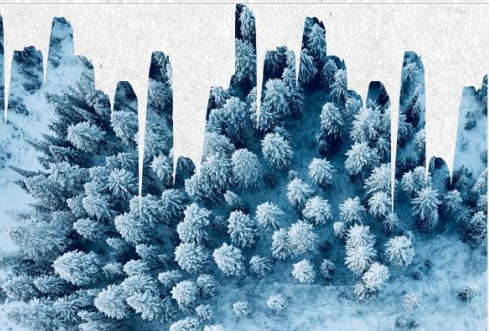
Act 3:1-19, Peter had institutionalized/built out his own....

¹ One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. ² Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” ⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

⁶ Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” ⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk.

¹¹ While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them ... ¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. ¹⁷ “Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders... ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.





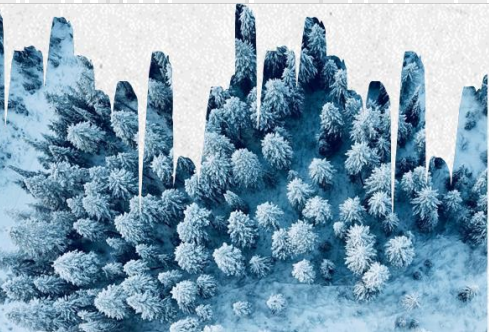
Act 13:6-12, Paul had institutionalized/built out his own....

² While they were **worshiping the Lord and fasting**, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul (Paul) for the work to which I have called them.” ³ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off....

⁶ They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, ⁷ who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. ⁸ But the sorcerer opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. ⁹ Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at the sorcerer and said, ¹⁰ “You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? ¹¹ **Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun.**” Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by

the hand. ¹² **When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.**

Brethren, you can imagine that Paul built out passionate intensity, and of course the righteousness required for effective prayer to avail - and proconsul was converted.



Luke 12:35 tells us to:

“Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning.”... BUILD A FERVENT AND EFFECTIVE PRAYER LIFE

Ephesians 6:13

“Therefore take up the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you will be able to stand your ground, and having done everything, to stand.”

Luke 12:35 “Let your loins be girded about, and *your* lights burning;

Isaiah 11:5 “Righteousness shall be the girdle of your loins.”

Brethren God Bless You!