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Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek him.

In EXODUS 3, God said to Moses: 6“I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. 7The LORD said, “**I have indeed seen the misery of My people** in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their oppressors, and I am aware of their sufferings. 8I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. 9And now the cry of the Israelites has reached Me, and I have seen how severely the Egyptians

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are oppressing them. **10**Therefore, go! I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring My people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

Brethren,

- God saw the misery,
- He heard them crying out,
- And Now their cry has reached God.

God did not respond when He saw the misery, not when He heard them crying but when their cry had reached God. **DO WE CRY ENOUGH AND UNTIL OUR CRY HAS REACHED GOD? DO WE PRAY ENOUGH AND UNTIL OUR PRAYER HAS REACHED GOD?**

Big thing requires big faith.

Only a person who is convinced of God's ability to save him, and has confidence that if he cries enough God will respond, will cry until his cry reached God.

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A very renowned highly sought-after Pastor told a story of how an oppressed sick man had come to him asking him to pray for his deliverance. The Pastor sent his team to go the man and pray with him for 7-days. After seven days, the team came back but the man was not delivered. So the Pastor went himself, led the man to Christ and now prayed for him with fasting. At the end of that the man was set free.

Obviously, this Pastor was convinced that if his prayer reaches God, God will respond.

- God saw the sick man but did not respond
- He saw the prayers of the team
- He saw the Pastor lead the man to Christ
- They added fasting
- Then prayed.Then God responded

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Implication:

First prayer was in the glass but for that deliverance case, it was not enough to reach God. Leading the man to Christ extended the prayer but still not enough. Adding fasting and then more prayers now did the job.

Even before the oppressed man went to the Pastor, God had seen his oppression.

But Bible says we don't get because we do not ask

Luke 11:

8I tell you, even though He will not get up to provide for him because of his friendship, yet because of the man's persistence, He will get up and give him as much as he needs. 9I tell you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

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James 4

4 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ²You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. **You do not have because you do not ask God.**

³When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. Or

-You do not persist enough for your prayers to reach God
Hanna persisted until she received.

James 5:

5 And the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick. The Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. ... | ⁶confess your sins to each other and pray. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

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- 17Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.
- In 1 Samuel 12:17, Samuel said “Is it not the wheat harvest today? I will call on the LORD to send thunder and rain, so that you will know and see what a great evil you have committed in the sight of the LORD by asking for a king.”
18 So Samuel called on the LORD, and that same day the LORD sent thunder and rain. So all the people stood in awe of the LORD and of Samuel.
- **The Faith of a Canaanite Woman (Matthew 15:21-28)**
21 Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to Jesus, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

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²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.” ²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said. ²⁶ He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

²⁷ “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

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WHAT DOES IT TAKE FOR OUR PRAYERS TO REACH GOD?

a. What is your nationality?

Philippians 3:20-21

²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

We must allow Jesus to “subdue all things (with us) to Himself.”

Romans 12:1-2 “And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

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² Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, **but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.** Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

2. Walk According To The Leading Of The Spirit

Romans 8: 1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

3. Be committed to God's call

Romans 8: ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He

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might be the firstborn among many brethren.³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

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Conclusion

Isaiah 62: 6-7

You who put the LORD in remembrance,
take no rest,⁷ and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it a praise in the earth.

Luke 18:1 “Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray all the time and never give up.”

Brethren, let us always pray until our prayer has reached God and we have received our response from Him.

2018 PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray over the message of today. Ask God to give us every wisdom required to pray with faith
2. Pray that KCM will continue to fulfil its mandate as the house of prayer for all nations (Isaiah 56:7), extending God's love to all the nations.
3. Prayer for the Leadership of Nations ...
 - a. To focus on God's grace and God's power
 - b. Leaders to be humble in leadership and commit to meeting the needs of citizens
4. Commit Troubles/Wars in nations into God's hands and ask God to make environments safe for people to freely serve God.
5. Ask God to please forgive our sins & heal our land (2 Chro 7:13-18).
6. Pray that God enables Minsters, Ministries, Missionaries and Missions to pray with faith
7. For Marriages to be of God, Children to fear God, families to be together
8. Pray for Members of the fellowship – to pray with faith as required
- 9 Needs in fellowship & and any special request we have not covered
10. Ask for God's favour and grace this week and pray for next Sunday fellowship.

