Talking With God The Prayer of Faith

Four types of Prayer: Fellowship Prayer, Intercession Prayer, Petition Prayer, and Prayer of Faith

James 5:13-15 (NKJV) Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up.

I. We must believe

Mark 11:22-24 (NKJV) ... and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

James 1:6-8 (NKJV) But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Double Minded: g1374. δίψυχος dipsychos; from 1364 and 5590; two-spirited, i.e. vacillating (in opinion or purpose): — double minded.

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV) <u>But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that</u> He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

***Matthew 17:17-20 (NKJV) So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

Perverse: g1294. διαστρέφω diastrephō; from 1223 and 4762; to distort, i.e. (figuratively) misinterpret, or (morally) corrupt: — perverse(-rt), turn away.

II. Speak to it!

Mark 11:22-24 (NKJV) "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain,...

Hebrews 1:3 (NLT) The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and He sustains everything by the mighty power of His command.

Word of His Power: g4487. ὑῆμα rhēma; from 4483; an utterance (individually, collectively or specially),; that which is or has been uttered by the living voice, thing spoken, word.

Colossians 1:17 (NASB 2020) He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Matthew 4:4 (NASB 2020) But He answered and said, "It is written: 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD."

III. Our Word is just as powerful!

Genesis 1:26 (NASB 2020) Then God said, "Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness;

Matthew 12:36-37 (NASB 2020) But I tell you that for every careless word that people speak, they will give an account of it on the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Careless: g0692. ἀργός argos; inactive, unemployed; (by implication) lazy, useless: — barren, idle, slow. free from labour, at leisurelazy, shunning the labour which one ought to perform

Justified: g1344. δικαιόω dikaioō; from 1342; to render (i.e. show or regard as) just or innocent: — free, justify(-ier), be righteous.

Salvation is Mark 11:23 — Romans 10:9 (NASB 2020) that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

IV. The Prayer of Faith.

***James 5:15-16 (NKJV) ...And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up.... The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

The Prayer of a Righteous man:

Psalms 92:12 (AMP) The [uncompromisingly] righteous shall flourish like the palm tree [be long-lived, stately, upright, useful, and fruitful]; they shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon [majestic, stable, durable, and incorruptible].

Matthew 6:33 (AMP) But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.

God cares how you live. We even see in these verses that it says, "and if he has committed any sin..." Confessing your wrongdoing is a sign of humility.

Proverbs 22:4 (ESV) The reward for humility and fear of the LORD is riches and honor and life.

But do not let condemnation keep you from your blessing!

Romans 8:1 (ESV) There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

***1 John 3:20-21 (NLT) Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything.

Gift of Faith includes prayer!

1 Corinthians 12:7-9 (NKJV) But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith...

Mark 9:24 (NKJV) Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

Mark 9:29 (NLT) Jesus replied, "This kind can be cast out only by prayer."

Jude 1:20 (NLT) But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit.