

“Four Short Prayers That Will Bring Revival!”

James 5:16

Introduction/Proposition:

May I submit to you that while there are many, many prayers in the Bible, there are four “short” prayers that everyone should pray? These four prayers will take you a long way in this life.

Let’s examine them now:

I. **Save Me—Matt. 14:30**

I find myself praying this prayer often!

A. **Save me from the Power of Doubt**

B. **Save me from the Penalty of Disobedience**

C. **Save me from the Persistence of the Devil**

D. **Save me from the Pressure of Departing**

II. **Search Me—Psalm 139:23-24**

Search = “reveal, ransack, expose, turn the light on”

CF: **Psalm 51:10** “clean heart...”

Reveal any “wrong spirits” with in me:

- A. **Ungodliness**—“won’t repent of sin”
- B. **Unwillingness**—“won’t turn from sin”
- C. **Unconfession**—“won’t confess sin”
- D. **Unforgiveness**—won’t forgive others’ sins”
- E. **Unfaithfulness**—“won’t consistently live out of sin”

F. **Unthankfulness**—“won’t be thankful for forgiveness”

This prayer is commonly thought only as a sinners prayer but we all need “rescuing” from ourselves DAILY!

Peter was saying, “Deliver...rescue me!”

III. **Shew Me—Exo. 33:18-23**

A. **Your Way**

B. **Your Glory**

Moses wanted to know God’s way in life but also, he wanted God’s glory on his life!

We need the **glory** of God back in our churches in this great land of ours—Amen!

[**Illus**] What is God’s glory? It is His character, His nature, His way of relating to His creatures.

God’s glory is revealed in His mercy, grace, longsuffering, goodness, truth, forgiveness, and justice!

IV. **Send Me—Isa. 6:5-8**

After praying the first three prayers, then we are ready to **GO!**

There are three looks that Isaiah took that if we take as well, will definitely result in us wanting to “go:”

- A. **Upward look**—He had a vision of Deity
- B. **Inward look**—He had a vision of Depravity
- C. **Outward look**—He had a vision of Duty

Matthew 28:19 (KJV)

¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Mark 16:15 (KJV)

¹⁵ And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

[Illus]

Andrew Newberg, and other doctors from the University of Pennsylvania, recently authored a study entitled "*Why God Won't Go Away: Brain Science & the Biology of Belief*" in which they demonstrated that praying actually changes the physiology of the brain that can be detected by neuroimaging. They suggest there is a mind and body connection present when people pray that can be used with hypnotherapy to help people with chronic illnesses.

—http://member.compuserve.com/health/special.jsp?floc=MM7-Mon_am-mm2slot2_link

They could be right, I don't know.

I just know that when we pray, God listens and sometimes He acts in response to our prayer and does more than relax us or change our brain chemistry or help us with chronic pain-He brings glory to Himself.

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Conclusion:

What kind of prayer life are you maintaining friend?

Have you ever prayed these four prayers? Are you praying them consistently?

If not, come to the Lord and start right now please.

Invitation Hymn: "Have Thine Own Way Lord" (2 or 3 verses)

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