

Series: When You Pray

Topic: Persistence in Prayer

Premise: To clearly communicate the importance and necessity of continuing your pursuit in prayer until that which you have been praying for is actualized.

Main Point: **PERSISTENT PRAYERS GENERATE ANSWERED PRAYERS.**

Definition:

Persistence – continuing firmly in a course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.

Synonyms: tenacious, determined, dogged, single-minded, relentless

John 16:33 (NLT)

Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.

Daniel 10:2-14 (NLT)

<sup>2</sup>When this vision came to me, I, Daniel, had been in mourning for three whole weeks. <sup>3</sup>All that time I had eaten no rich food. No meat or wine crossed my lips, and I used no fragrant lotions until those three weeks had passed. <sup>4</sup>On April 23,<sup>[b]</sup> as I was standing on the bank of the great Tigris River, <sup>5</sup>I looked up and saw a man dressed in linen clothing, with a belt of pure gold around his waist. <sup>6</sup>His body looked like a precious gem. His face flashed like lightning, and his eyes flamed like torches. His arms and feet shone like polished bronze, and his voice roared like a vast multitude of people. <sup>7</sup>Only I, Daniel, saw this vision. The men with me saw nothing, but they were suddenly terrified and ran away to hide. <sup>8</sup>So I was left there all alone to see this amazing vision. My strength left me, my face grew deathly pale, and I felt very weak. <sup>9</sup>Then I heard the man speak, and when I heard the sound of his voice, I fainted and lay there with my face to the ground. <sup>10</sup>Just then a hand touched me and lifted me, still trembling, to my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup>And the man said to me, “Daniel, you are very precious to God, so listen carefully to what I have to say to you. Stand up, for I have been sent to you.” When he said this to me, I stood up, still trembling. <sup>12</sup>Then he said, “Don’t be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer. <sup>13</sup>But for twenty-one days the spirit prince<sup>[c]</sup> of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels,<sup>[d]</sup> came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia.<sup>[e]</sup> <sup>14</sup>Now I am here to explain what will happen to your people in the future, for this vision concerns a time yet to come.”

Numbers 23:19 (NLT)

God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?

Isaiah 55:11 (AMP)

My word which goes out of My mouth will not return to Me void (useless, without result), Without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding *in the matter* for which I sent it.

Lamentations 3:25 (AMPC)

<sup>25</sup> The Lord is good to those who wait hopefully *and* **expectantly** for Him, to those who seek Him [inquire of and for Him and require Him by right of necessity and on **the authority of God's word**].

Isaiah 43:26 (NKJV)

<sup>26</sup> Put Me in remembrance; Let us contend together; State your *case*, that you may be acquitted.

Matthew 7:7 (AMP)

<sup>7</sup> “[a] Ask *and* keep on asking and it will be given to you; seek *and* keep on seeking and you will find; knock *and* keep on knocking and the door will be opened to you.

Luke 18:1-8 (NIV)

**18** Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. <sup>2</sup> He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. <sup>3</sup> And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me **justice** against my adversary.’<sup>4</sup> “For some time he refused. But finally, he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, **I will see that she gets justice**, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out **to him day and night**? Will he keep putting them off? <sup>8</sup> **I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly.** However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”