

Living Waters

“The Grace to Pray by Faith”

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Does God consider **Faith above a Need** when we ask of His Covenant in Answering Prayer? Does our Father God consider “need” when we pray? The answer to those questions is that Faith is the only way that God our Father can hear a need. He has already provided ALL our needs, and He knows them. He has made COVENANT with us that when we pray, if we are truly in faith, He absolutely hears us, and the needs are presented to Him in the way that He hears.

I’m going to impart to you some of the most vital elements that are required to stay in the “Spirit Zone” when you pray. This is not a form of rules, but I want to explain to you what the Lord hears and what He does not hear, and how important it is for you to stay in the “**Hearing Zone**” of your Father. Does God consider Faith above Need when we ask of His Covenant in Answering Prayer? Does our Father God consider “need” when we pray? The answer to those two questions is consecutively joined together! The Lord’s “**Hearing Zone**” is based on His Covenant with us through what Jesus accomplished on earth when He was physically here, and on what He accomplished on the Cross, in Hell, and when He Rose from the Dead now seated at the Throne of Almighty God in heaven interceding for us! Consecutively, His ability to answer your requests is based His on Spiritual Laws of Creation and His Mercy and Love.

One of the best examples of the powerful ability God has given us is to go to Hebrews 11 and read about the Historical record of the Old Saints and how God heard their prayers, and how He in His grace, mercy and ultimate wisdom saw to it that their prayers were answered – and “Obtained a GOOD REPORT”!

Hebrews 11:1-3 (AMPC) “Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, ^[a]the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see *and* the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]. ² For by [faith—^[b]trust and holy fervor born of faith] the men of old had divine testimony borne to them *and* obtained a good report. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds [during the successive ages] were framed (fashioned, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose) by the word of God, so that what we see was not made out of things which are visible.”

Verse 1: The Hearing Zone is: “Faith perceiving as real fact that which is not revealed to the senses.” What do you perceive as real fact even though you may not by your physical senses see, hear or understand? What are your spiritual senses revealing to you, ahead of or over your physical senses? Do you KNOW WHO YOUR FATHER GOD IS so that you too can “perceive as real fact” what is not revealed to you by the natural or physical senses? Do you believe in,

trust in, rely on and cling to His Love, His Mercy, and His Word as Truth above all natural circumstances and situations that come to you or your loved ones?

The two opposing forces are The Blessing, versus the Curse, Faith vs Doubt and Unbelief. God's Hearing Zone is all that aligns with The Blessing of His Covenant, and Faith that only comes from being fully persuaded of that Covenant of The Blessing. This is from knowing Him personally. It is spiritual Law, and everything GOOD works by God's Covenant which dwells in Faith and Love.

Verse 2: The Hearing Zone is: By [faith—^[b]trust and holy fervor born of faith] the men of old had Divine testimony borne (manifested) to them *and* obtained a good report. The "Fruit" of true faith results in Divine Testimony (proof that God is GOOD) and a GOOD report (so that we can spread the Blessing of the Covenant by telling others of His Goodness!

Verse 3: The Hearing Zone is: "By faith, we understand that the worlds [during the successive ages] were framed (fashioned, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose) by the word of God, so that what we see was not made out of things which are visible.

The revelation was made apparent to me years ago, that "we can change the outcome of any generation" at the time in which we are living in that generation (or age in time) by speaking out the Blessing by faith! The Saints of Old had that ability by way of their personal fellowship with the Father. The list of saints is found in Hebrews 11. Though they believed and did not see every immediate manifestation of the promises of God, because Jesus had not come to earth yet, and He had not fulfilled His part so that He could send Holy Spirit to indwell the Saints. We have a better Covenant because of Jesus. We have "The New and Living Way" at our disposal for the fulfilling of The Father's will in our age or generation. But we as the Generation of the Born-again have so much more to work with because we hold God's Faith and His Holy Spirit in our regenerated spirits to assist us in fulfilling His Will and purpose! For your own verification of what I just said, you'll have to go beyond the intellect (reasoning and logic) to the Spirit, by Faith. If you pray for Spiritual understanding and go to the Strongs concordance and the Vines Dictionary, you can see some of it by looking up a word study.

The Lord will help you to see that in every age of time, it is the saints who operated by the inspiration of Holy Spirit in delivering the Word of God, the Truth of God's Love, and the Light of God's Plan to their generations. It was God through the saints of the Old and the New Testaments, as well as God through the Body of Christ saints now, due to the indwelling Holy Spirit, who are privileged to deliver His imparted wisdom and revelation knowledge about His Will and His ways.

Jesus, having fulfilled His part in God's plan, has left a legacy and a powerful advocate to us if we will humbly yet boldly deliver it like Jesus' example to us has instructed us to. The Gift of the Father, sent to us by Jesus Himself, is that overflow of the Holy Spirit! We cannot deliver the fullness of the Covenant in our time without it. That is why Jesus sent it! The Old

Testament saints as well as we still operate in God's Hearing Zone, and do accomplish the "impossible," by way of the God-Kind of Faith.

God's people in the Old Testament and in the New Testament, and God's People Now in this day and time are the agents of change to cause God the Father's plan to come to pass. And as the Body of Christ in this time, we are the agents of change, we are the venue which God intends to remain on the earth to facilitate The Blessing!

The Word explains in many places throughout the Old and the New Testament how God the Father has ordained His family to carry forth His plan and purpose. Once we reach the catching away (the rapture) and are taken to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb and are no longer in the earth, a succession of events will happen because we are not here any longer. But, if we are here to hold back the Anti-Christ's manifestation, we are still able to be the agents of change and to hold back the enemy's schemes and actions.

Matthew 1:18-22 (AMPC) "Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place under these circumstances: When His mother Mary had been promised in marriage to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be pregnant [through the power] of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her [promised] husband Joseph, being a just *and* upright man and not willing to expose her publicly *and* to shame *and* disgrace her, decided to repudiate *and* dismiss (divorce) her quietly *and* secretly. ²⁰ But as he was thinking this over, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, descendant of David, do not be afraid to take Mary [as] your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of (from, out of) the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus [the Greek form of the Hebrew Joshua, which means Savior], for He will save His people from their sins [that is, prevent them from ^[a]failing and missing the true end and scope of life, which is God]. ²² All this took place that it might be fulfilled which the Lord had spoken through the prophet"

Father God is BIG at fulfilling prophetic Word that He gives to His people. The birth of Jesus Yeshua was God's Divine Intervention for the Saving of the human race. God had Joseph (to be an adoptive Dad-to impart manhood to Jesus) and Mary (to be a natural Mother) chosen long before. Until He reached the maturity to be Messiah in fullness. Father God knew they would both choose to trust, rely, cling to and believe in His Word even coming through angels. Joseph and Mary obviously were faith people, they "perceived as real fact" what they didn't see or know in the natural physical realm when the Angels came to deliver the news of Jesus The Christ coming after being so long prophesied. They both obviously had learned this by personal fellowship with the Father God. Old Testament saints were pray-ers, the culture of Judaism helped in this sense, but they still had to choose. They talked with the Father faithfully by faith. They had attained favor by way of their personally developed faith. Father God knew them because He designed that character in them early. When did they manifest the prophesied manifestation of parenting the Son of God by Holy Spirit? When they received what the Father God said, Mary through His Angel (Gabriel-the announcement Angel). Joseph by a dream and by the Angel Gabriel. They had a witness of God's presence so powerful that they knew in their spirits and in their hearts that it was God Himself communicating with them. They were both

individually fully convinced (though Mary had to receive first, then Joseph) which is the definition of the God-Kind of faith. They both separately believed in, trusted in, relied on, clung to the Word of the Lord coming to them. They both received God results. Hallelujah!

Matthew 19:26 (AMPC) “But Jesus looked at them and said, with men this is impossible, but all things are possible with God.”

Matthew 13:58 (NKJV) “Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.”

Doubt and Unbelief are the blockers to God’s Hearing Zone in prayer. Both focus on the carnal realm, the flesh realm which are often from wrong belief systems that have been seated in the soul (mind, will and emotions). Both are Fear based, which we know is NOT God’s Covenant of the Blessing that was bought by the Blood of Jesus! Pleading with or begging to the Lord out of need, but not understanding and having a clear reality of Who God Is will get us nowhere when we pray. But when we ask the Lord, speaking the same thing He speaks out loud with Faith, brings us into the HEARING ZONE because it is IN THE BLESSING that He has already designed to manifest the Good Things He has set in place! Jesus said it this way:

1 Timothy 4:8 (AMPC) “For physical training is of some value (useful for a little), but godliness (spiritual training) is useful *and* of value in everything *and* in every way, for it holds promise for the present life and also for the life which is to come.”

Luke 4:32 (AMPC) “And they were amazed at His teaching, for His word was with authority *and* ability *and* weight *and* power.”

I’ve often referred to this scripture below as one to follow when a person is trying to make a decision or when trying to be led correctly by God’s Spirit. But there is a vital thing that you must know. Peace can be either from God and His Covenant, or it can be by way of a person being used to some way of operating. Addictions can become a place of peace, and we know that is not from God. There are many examples I can give, but if you’re being abused physically or mentally/emotionally, you can be “comfortable” with going back to a lifestyle of tolerating abuse. That is not from the GOD-KIND of PEACE. The God-Kind of peace is from your spirit, bearing witness with God’s Word and His Holy Spirit. The God-Kind of peace promotes life and abundant life, and never kills, steals or destroys. Jesus says it this way in **John 10:10** (AMPC) “The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have *and* enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it ^[a]overflows).” That is a very clear definition as to what God’s Will and Desire is for you! Abundant Life, to the full, till it overflows! If a person is used to living in poverty, they may be comfortable in it, and God has made us able to come through negative things to the other side where His Will is. I am simply saying you can apply this truth to the situations and circumstances that attack you. As you can see from these two examples, the supposed peace from physical and mental/emotional abuse is but a band-aid that is placed on the mind to keep a person trapped and unable to be free and liberated from the bondages the enemy desires to place you under. Likewise, poverty is placed

in the way of a believer to prevent abundant life. There are more examples such as disease, sickness, or any bondage that prevents God's Abundant joyful life of Goodness to prevail. So, when we allow GOD'S PEACE to be an umpire (to give the final outcome or call of what we are supposed to move toward) then it must involve God's Covenant of LIFE and LOVE and JOY and FULL Abundance.

When we pray and "think" we have an answer to our prayers, but they are still under a bondage or slavery to the devil, the world or the flesh, we must go deeper. Deeper into our fellowship with the Father through Jesus our Savior by way of the Word of God and the Spirit of God. We must do this before we settle with finality the decisions or the outcomes we believe God is leading us to. We have to KNOW Who He Is and KNOW who we ARE IN CHRIST!

Colossians 3:15 (AMPC) "And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state] to which as [members of Christ's] one body you were also called [to live]. And be thankful (appreciative), [giving praise to God always]."

Jesus gave a last non-compromised prayer in public so that all could hear clearly what God's Will is!

In **John 17:1-26** I have caught specific verses here to align with our study of what it takes for God to hear our praying and answer those prayers. Notice Jesus' boldness, humility, confidence, and prophetic utterance:

John 17:9, 11, 15, 17, 20, 23, 26 AMPC

John 17: Vs 9 "I am praying for them. I am not praying (requesting) for the world, but for those You have given Me, for they belong to You."

Notice Jesus was very clear about who He was interceding for!

Vs 11 "And [now] I am no more in the world, but these are [still] in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep in Your Name [in the knowledge of Yourself] those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We [are one]."

Notice that Jesus was speaking things that be not as though they were. In other words, even though His body and soul were still physically on the earth the day He prayed this to the Father, He had already transitioned in His Faith to be with the Father. He was IN the Faith of His Father, and while physically seated on the earth, His Spirit was dominant.

Vs 15 "I do not ask that You will take them out of the world, but that You will keep and protect them from the evil one."

Right here Jesus set in motion the Covenant of protection! You can refer to **Psalm 91** for the cross reference. The resighting of God's Covenant Promises is not just speaking out empty words, they are "dabar" (in Hebrew it means words spoken that become a real physical entity or thing). They are creative words that cause God's best to come to pass for believers and the worse (to open up the Curse to devour the unfaithful and evil ones) to come to pass for the enemy who would take us down.

Vs 17 "Sanctify them [purify, consecrate, separate them for Yourself, make them holy] by the Truth; Your Word is Truth."

This cross reference to go to **Romans 11: 1-3** which is that by staying focused on His Word of the Covenant He has made through Jesus' Blood, we are not conformed to the world but are transformed (set aside and placed apart by, protected by) the renewing of our minds, to His Word. We literally choose life, we choose to only think on His Covenant, and we are genuinely covered and made whole by the Word of Truth! By thinking on The Love of the Father, we are truly renewed in our minds!

Vs 20 "Neither for these alone do I pray [it is not for their sake only that I make this request], but also for all those who will ever come to believe in (trust in, cling to, rely on) Me through their word and teaching"

This is solid verification that there is LIFE and SALVATION through believers who carry the gospel of Life to others. We are actually HIS AMBASSADORS!

Vs 23 "I in them and You in Me, in order that they may become one and perfectly united, that the world may know and [definitely] recognize that You sent Me and that You have loved them [even] as You have loved Me."

What a tremendous revelation Jesus revealed here! Jesus said that we are ONE WITH FATHER and SON! He also verified that the Father God Loves us just as much as He loves Jesus -His One and Only Begotten Son!!!!

Vs 26 "I have made Your Name known to them and revealed Your character and Your very Self, and I will continue to make [You] known, that the love which You have bestowed upon Me may be in them [felt in their hearts] and that I [Myself] may be in them."

Jesus stated here that Father God's Character is what He brought to us and the world! Jesus showed the world through His mission in the earth the definition of true Agape' LOVE! Jesus said that to this day and forever He is constantly making the Father known to the unsaved, and to us! Jesus has made a reality by speaking this out that Being One with He and the Father God secures that they both reside IN US, in our regenerated spirit's and indwell us all together, as long as we follow the Word and the Spirit in unity!

In conclusion of this series, “The Grace to Pray”, when you pray, it is vital that you pray out God’s Will by Faith, resighting His Word which is His Covenant and that you do it as ONE WITH HIM IN HIS PERFECTED LOVE! This is the creative force of Prayer in the Hearing and Faith Zone! These are the Elements of a perfect prayer that is in God’s Hearing Zone and in HIS FAITH ZONE at the Throne of GRACE. Talk with God your Father daily, walk with God your Father daily, and do that by Faith in His Holy “Hearing Zone”. His BEST is here for you NOW! Be encouraged! Now, you are in the times that God is opening new doors of communion and communication to you with Him, and it is going to bring the manifestation of signs, wonders, miracles and love notes from the Lord through Your Savior and Lord Jesus by way of the Holy Spirit Who dwells within you! A NEW LEVEL is here for YOU NOW!

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