



Prayer's Supernatural Side

Have you ever wondered what happens after you pray? When you pray, you are asking God for something, telling God something, or communicating with God in some way. Do you think that that is all there is to a prayer? Or is there something else that transpires?

When you pray, God definitely hears your prayer.

For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. (1 Peter 3:12)

God never closes His ears to us.



Any time we talk to Him, He hears us. That's great news, especially to people who think God might not always be listening. He does hear us, and He does do something with what He hears.

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable

in the sight of God our Saviour; (1 Timothy 2:1-3)

God wants us to pray for those in authority. The purpose being that we may live a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. If He wants us to pray like this, it's not to waste His time. He wants us to pray for these people because it is what enables Him to be able to do something for us. God is in the business of answering prayers, all of them. *Prayer is an enabler!*

During the first days of Christianity, the people were known for their prayers.

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and

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fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. (Acts 2:42, 43)

Notice what followed their prayers. “Many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.” I can guarantee you, that if these people had not prayed, they would not have seen such things. *If you want to see wonders and signs in your life, in the lives of your family and friends, you must make a place for prayer.*

Well, this brings us to the supernatural. The supernatural realm is all around us. If you are born again, you are directly involved within it, especially if you manifest God's power. It doesn't matter if you believe this or not, or if you know anything of it or not. The supernatural realm is ever

present and should be recognized by Christians. God's “hosts” are His angels and they are always going about, doing God's business on behalf of God's people. Do you remember Joshua and the walls of Jericho? Right after Israel crossed from the wilderness into the Promised Land, Joshua met someone of great might.

*And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? And he said, Nay; **but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come.** And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose*

thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so. (Joshua 5:13-15)

Joshua was by the city of Jericho and as he stood looking, he saw a man with a sword. He went over and spoke with him, asking him his purpose. Who was this man? He said that he was the “captain of the host of the Lord.” This man was really Michael, one of God's archangels. He is responsible over the angels who war against satan and his hosts. Michael told Joshua that he was there, ready to go to battle with the enemy so that Israel could gain access into the Promised Land.

Can you imagine the joy rippling through Joshua's soul about that time? It must have been awesome. Michael didn't start telling him how he was going to do battle. He didn't lay out his

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strategies. But he did tell him one thing, that he was standing on holy ground! He told Joshua to take his shoes off. Now, that's really something. How many people today would respond like Joshua responded? Most people wouldn't even stop to take notice. Well, Joshua was different, and it's a good thing that he did obey.

Soon after those three small verses, we learn that the walls of Jericho fell down flat.

So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. (Joshua 6:20)

I recently told some believers in my fellowship, that if they ever

want their walls of Jericho to fall down flat, they must follow God's instructions. Joshua did. Line by line and word by word. That is one of the great keys to receiving God's promises. Noah obeyed God and built an Ark. Moses obeyed God and led the people out of Egypt. Abraham obeyed God and sojourned in a strange land. Enoch obeyed God and never saw a person die. And the list goes on and on.

If you choose to obey God, that's when the supernatural things can happen. We don't hear about Michael at Jericho again, but we do know he was there, along with the hosts of heaven because those walls did fall down flat and Israel did come out of Jericho with the gold. *If you allow God to work in your life's situations, you will see your walls of Jericho fall down flat,*

and you will come out with your gold too.

Never underestimate the might within the supernatural realm. You may be a carnal Christian, one who doesn't manifest God's power. Maybe you don't believe in God's power. But your believing, or lack of it, doesn't nullify God. God still does His thing even though you don't. *If you*

want to change your spirituality and start reaping from God's heavenly storehouses, you must start with prayer, then you do what He says, and then you'll see Him work.

It's that simple. What about God's timing? That is one part of this equation that is absolutely not up to you. We learn this from Daniel.

Daniel waited three weeks for his answer to prayer.

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In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision. In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled. (Daniel 10:1-3)

God revealed something unto Daniel, something true, but Daniel did not understand and he wanted to understand. He was so troubled with his lack of understanding, that he didn't eat or drink wine for three weeks. Then his answers came.

Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten

thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days. (Daniel 10:12-14)

An angel came to Daniel and started talking to him. Do you know why Daniel had to wait for three weeks for his answer? The angel responsible to deliver the answer was tied up fighting the prince of Persia. It wasn't until the angel Michael came and relieved him that he could go to Daniel.

You just don't know what is going on in the supernatural realm at any given time. It is God's desire to deliver you your answers, but you

may have to wait until it is available.

There are lots of things happening in the supernatural realm. Never let God's timing put you off from asking or talking to Him. You are responsible to do your part and God will also do His. You can't control God. After you pray, God hears your prayer. He immediately starts working your request. The timing of your answer may depend on what He needs to do for you and the availability of supernatural resources. *No matter how long it takes, and it may take some time, wait patiently.*

It took Job nearly nine months to receive an answer. It took Joseph years in prison. It took Sarah and Abraham nearly one hundred years. I don't know how long it will take for you. Wait patiently for your answer from the supernatural realm!

Much love in Christ!

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