

# PRAYER OF FAITH

## INTRO

Our Heavenly Father has not left us alone on earth to try to make it on our own or in our own way. He has left us with the means to walk in continual communion with Him and through the channel of prayer continually receive from His hand. The Bible indicates that there are different kinds of prayer (Acts 2:42 ...prayers; Ephesians 6:18 ...all prayer; Colossians 4:12 ...prayers; 1 Timothy 2:1 ...prayers) to be used for different needs, circumstances, and situations. One of the primary kinds of prayer for receiving things concerning us personally is the prayer of faith (also called the prayer of petition or supplication). We need to understand the spiritual laws governing the operation of this kind of prayer. People often make the mistake of putting all prayer in the same category, but the rules or spiritual laws governing one kind of prayer are not always the same for each kind of prayer.

## Six Characteristics of the Prayer of Faith.

### I. **The Prayer of Faith is Asking the Father in Jesus' Name John 16:23,24.**

- We can talk to Jesus, fellowship with Jesus, tell Him of our love; but when it comes to a request, we ask the Father in His (Jesus') Name.

### II. **The Prayer of Faith is Asking According to the Will of God 1 John 5:14,15.**

- A. The faith that you need for the prayer you are praying comes from your request being according to the will of God.
- B. God's Word is His will so be sure His Word definitely covers what you ask before you ask.
- C. Faith for the prayer of faith begins where the will of God is known.
  - 1. We should never separate the promise from the person, and no word is good apart from the person who gave it.
  - 2. That is why we must know God to have faith.

### III. **The Prayer of Faith is Believing You Receive when You Ask Matthew 21:22.**

- Faith has a time it believes, and the starting point of our believing is right at the moment we pray, i.e., like placing a catalog order on the phone; it is at the time of the call you believe the transaction has been accomplished even though delivery may be at a later date.

### IV. **The Prayer of Faith is Receiving by Faith First and Then Receiving by Fact Mark 11:24.**

- A. To pray the prayer of faith, you must keep these two areas separate: receiving something by faith, receiving something by fact.
- B. Possessing something by faith (with the assurance it is yours when you pray).
- C. Possessing something by fact (you shall in the future physically have it).
- D. We date the time we receive by faith (when you pray). God dates the time we receive the fact (the "shall have them").

### V. **The Prayer of Faith is Asking in Faith without Wavering James 1:5-8.**

- A. Wavering: Without doubting, distrust, uncertainty, indecision, or wondering.
- B. It is not just asking but asking in faith which is without a doubt.

**VI. The Prayer of Faith Will at Times Work for Others James 5:14,15.**

- A. The prayer of faith is primarily for things concerning you, your needs, your desires; and when it comes to involving someone else, there are different elements that enter in.
- B. What they desire, what they will, what they want comes into consideration.
- C. This seems to be the only area, the area of healing through anointing with oil, describing where the prayer of faith will work for others.
- D. It is not against their will, their desire, or their wants because they have to will it, desire it, want it, and have faith enough to call.