

FAITH MAKES PRAYER WORK

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INTRODUCTION:

In **MARK 11:23**, Jesus taught the law of faith. In **MARK 11:24**, He taught the prayer of faith. The “therefore” means the prayer of faith is connected to the law of faith. This means faith makes prayer work. Without faith, prayer isn’t effective. Another supporting scripture is found in **JAMES. JAMES 1:5-8** The man who doesn’t ask in faith receives nothing from God.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER - 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4

To intercede in prayer means to go to God on the behalf of another, a nation, a family or whoever God lays on our heart. An example is found in **EXODUS 32:7-14**. Because of the intercession of Moses God’s judgment was stayed and the people were spared.

I LOOKED FOR A MAN – EZEKIEL 22:30-31

Judgment was poured out because no man would stand in the gap before God and plead their case as Moses did. Could it be they didn’t have faith in intercessory prayer? Faith for anything comes by hearing God’s Word.

ABRAHAM’S INTERCESSION – GENESIS 18:17-33

Abraham pled his case before God in order to prevent the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Some believe he gave up too soon. Could be, nevertheless, this is an example of intercessory prayer. **ISAIAH 43:25-26** The baby that died.

SOME CONSIDERATIONS

- Prayer is joining forces with God to accomplish His purposes on earth. “Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.”
- Access to God is the basis for intercession. **HEBREWS 10:19-23**
- We will face opposition. **DANIEL 10:2-3, 12-14**
- We must use our spiritual weapons. **2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5**
- We must understand our authority. **MATTHEW 16:19**
- We must persist and not give up. **LUKE 18:1-8** Persistence in prayer will eventually bring results.

INTERCESSION FOR A NATION – 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

We are God’s people; we are called by His Name. We must humble our hearts, pray, seek His face and turn from wicked ways. If we do our part, God will do His part. He will hear from heaven, forgive our sin and heal our land. Of course, our intercession involves standing in faith for our nation, persisting in faith, and refusing to become weary no matter what we see.