

## Praying with the Word of God

Main Text: Jeremiah 1:12 (NKJV) <sup>12</sup> Then the LORD said to me, “You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word.”

In Genesis Chapter 3, in the garden of Eden, when Satan came and tempted Eve in regards to the forbidden tree, Eve responded in a way that contradicted the instructions that God gave Adam in Genesis 2:16-17. (Before woman was born) Instead of responding to the temptation and contradiction that Satan began interjecting in the mind of Eve with, “Hath God indeed said”, Eve should have declared and decreed that “God has said!”

Thousands of years later, Satan wanted to use the same tactic against Jesus, but when he went to tempt the Son of God in the desert, Jesus said:

- “Matthew 4:4 (NKJV) <sup>4</sup> But He answered and said, “It is written, *‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’*” (The Scriptures)

God requires His people to return to His Word. His Word alone justifies and endorses the petitions and declaration we make in prayer before His throne. Jesus teaches His disciples this.

- 1 John 5:14–15 (NKJV) <sup>14</sup> Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

In the Greek, “ask” means to require, wish or demand something. This means that when we go before God supported by His Word, we can put in a claim, or a demand for what He has said. We are not giving orders to God when we do this, we are making declarations of faith, knowing that what He promises in His Word is fulfilled in the now.

This has to become so grounded inside of us that in any situation, we automatically go to God’s Word for the response and answer!

Example, you must be willing to say: “Lord Your Word says that by Your stripes I am healed, so I am placing a demand on my healing,” or “Lord, Your word says You will supply all my needs according to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus, so I put a claim on Your provision for my life.” (see Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24, Philippians 4:19) God becomes responsible for your petitions based upon His Word!

If you are maintaining an intimate relationship with God, if you are standing in a position of righteousness and walking in His will, if you begin your prayers

by affirming the greatness of the Lord, and if your request is aligned with His Word, then He will honor and fulfill your petition.

Praying from the soul, or from the center of our desires and emotions is not the same as praying from the Word

Our souls (mind, will and emotions) are not always aligned with God's purpose, so when people pray in this way, they often ask God for things He has not promised to give, or declare things that are not in His Word.

Prayers that come from our emotions are usually based in self-pity and are attempts to control or manipulate a situation.

We must stop praying from the center of our emotions and start praying according to the solid foundation of God's Word. Our emotions change depending on the temporary circumstances in our lives but the Word of God is constant; it doesn't change or contradict itself.

God is asking that we return to Him by offering prayers based on His own Word, and He is testing the church to see how strong and continuous our prayer life is.

### **5 Qualities and Facts about God's Word**

#### 1. The Word of God is His Will

a. The Word of God is a direct expression of His will, and nothing or no one can change it. Neither disease, nor poverty, nor any other adverse circumstance can alter its truth.

b. To know the Will of God, one must search the Word to find His will.

1) Proverbs 8:17 (NKJV) <sup>17</sup> I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me.

2) Jeremiah 29:13 (NKJV) <sup>13</sup> And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

3) Matthew 7:7 (NKJV) (Luke 11:9-13)<sup>7</sup> "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

4) Acts 17:24-28 (NKJV) <sup>24</sup> God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. <sup>25</sup> Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. <sup>26</sup> And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell

on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, <sup>27</sup> so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; <sup>28</sup> for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

## 2. The Word of God Endures

a. 1 Peter 1:25 (NKJV) <sup>25</sup>But the word of the LORD endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

b. The word "endures" indicates that something exists continuously; it never ceases to be. When we go before God we must remain in Him and hold on to what His eternal Word says even in the middle of the worst situation we may be going through.

## 3. The Word of God transcend time, space and matter.

a. The Word of God always goes forth to answer a need, regardless of the place or how far away those who required the help may be.

b. When we speak the Word, if those needing help are in another city or another country, the Word will manifest in that place because it doesn't travel according to the laws of time, space and matter, but rather in the now, in the eternal.

c. Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV) <sup>11</sup>So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

## 4. The Word of God Contains the Power of God. (2 points)

a. The Power of God resides in His Word, and then it acts in us. In other words, the power is not in us, but in the Word of God, where any anointed person make take it.

1) Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV) <sup>20</sup> Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

2) We must understand where the power of God resides, it changes our way of thinking and of declaring the Word.

a) 1 Peter 4:11 (NKJV) <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as with the

ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

b. The power of God resides in His mouth, because that is from where His Word proceeds.

1) Matthew 4:4 (NKJV) <sup>4</sup> But He answered and said, “It is written, *‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’*”

2) When you speak the Word with authority, you can declare that mountains move, doors open, your body is healed, your mind is free and salvation comes to your family, because you are God’s spokesperson on earth!

3) When we are in the presence of God, we can make a declaration, according to His Word, against anything that enemy has used as a weapon to destroy someone’s life. God is one with His word, He is obligated to fulfill what He has already said. Seek God and take His Word wherever you go

5. The Word of God doesn’t have an Expiration Date!

a. This is the promise that Jesus left us: Matthew 24:35 (NKJV)  
<sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

b. This means that if your circumstances are not aligned with the Word of God, but you put a claim on them according to that Word, they will have to change, because the Word doesn’t change. (Numbers 23:29; Hebrews 13:8 & James 1:17)

c. Hebrews 1:3 (NKJV) <sup>3</sup> who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

d. If people tell you, “It’s too late to receive a miracle, know that God’s Word doesn’t have an expiration date. And God is never late! Tell your problem what God has already established in eternity.

e. The doctor may give you a negative diagnosis but the Word says that “by His stripes we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5) The scriptures say that Christ became poor for our sakes so that we might prosper (2 Corinthians 8:9) Will you believe the negative balance in your bank account, or will you believe what the Word says?

**Conclusion:** The Word is everlasting and infinite. It is as valid today as it was yesterday and as it will be tomorrow. That is why we shouldn't go to God with our human opinions, ideas or experiences, but only with His Word. God is greater than our opinions, ideas and past experiences. God told Jeremiah, "Then the Lord said to me, You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word." (Jeremiah 1:12) Let Him perform His Word!