

1 Samuel 1: 1—17; Mark 9: 20—30

This week we are going to talk about prayer and supplication. James says: you ask, but you do not receive because you ask with the wrong motivation and do not pay attention when you ask. James 4: 2-3. When we ask for something from God, whether healing or something else, we must sacrifice ourselves, life without sacrifice is not better. Apostle Paul said, **"I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preachers to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize."** 1 Corinthians 9: 27. Jesus got the power to perform all kinds of miracles through prayer and fasting.

Before God shows us his mercy, we must sacrifice ourselves and seek him with our hearts, strength, and souls. Yes, Jesus did it. Every day when it was dark, Jesus went to pray in the hills, asking the father to give him the power so that he could perform all kinds of miracles. Mark 1: 35. as you know, before Jesus started the ministry, he went to the wilderness to pray for forty days. Mathew 4: 1-4. Jesus often went with disciples to the Montagne to pray, sometimes alone.

However, let us talk about Hannah's prayer and how her husband loves her. Elkanah could give double the portion to Hannah because of love. He could take her to any place she would like to go to satisfy her because she did not give birth, and God had closed up her womb. (V5) Even though Elkanah could be gentle to Hannah, she remained infertile. Her rival Peninnah provoked her sore, to make her fret because God didn't allow her to bear a child; Hannah wept all day without food. It was the same every year. V6 and 7. Then Hannah stood up one day and went to the synagogue to pray. She was determined to go to ask God about her womb.

We must react like Hannah whenever something goes wrong in our lives, whether children or family members are suffering or something else. We need to pray and ask God as Hannah did. She was alone without anybody to support her; Hannah prayed without ceasing. By herself, she talked to God about everything day and night. I challenge you, my brothers and sisters, to be determined on these seven days and pray for your family, spouse, children, and everyone. "Do not be anxious about anything, brothers and Sisters. But in every situation, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your request to God. Only God can give you the solution to your problem, whether worse or bad, through prayer. All things are possible to God. John 11: 40

During the seven days of prayer, I will need you to meet with your family or yourself and pray. Talk to God about the church activities, Business, and country. What do you want God to do or change? Sacrifice yourself without food, and sleep on the floor. Turn your telephone off, quit social media, and reduce your diet until you get the solution to your situation. Pray to God about the event on September 25 in Lake Park and October 2th in Harris UMC so we can have many people respond to it. Read the bible, Joshua 1:8, and God will answer your prayer. Jesus said in Mathew 6: 6 that we will change our lives with prayer and fasting. Nothing is impossible to God.

The disciple did not have much power to cast the demon out of people because they did not have the habit of praying. They always slept when they went to prayer with Jesus in the hills. I like what Bishop Trimble said, "More prayer, more power, and a short prayer, short power and not prayer, no power." We need more ability to resist every temptation of Satan. The way we can be powerful is through prayer and fasting.

However, disciples asked Jesus while they were walking: "Why couldn't we drive ...it out: then Jesus answered, "This kind of ...can come out only by prayer and fasting." I agree with Jesus. Prayer is the key to opening God's treasure. Something that we can't handle physically, through prayer, God can give a solution. If you want to see how God's power works, pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5: 17.

This week we will ask God for mercy upon our lives and those who belong to our family and church members. The seven days of prayer and fasting is about getting the power of evangelism and healing all kinds of disease. I would like you to come at 6 pm with your family to pray with me every day at church from 8/29 to 9/03. We will have 20 minutes of prayer intense. Bring your family members with you. But if you can't make it, you can join us on lives streaming Facebook at 6 pm. Amen.

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