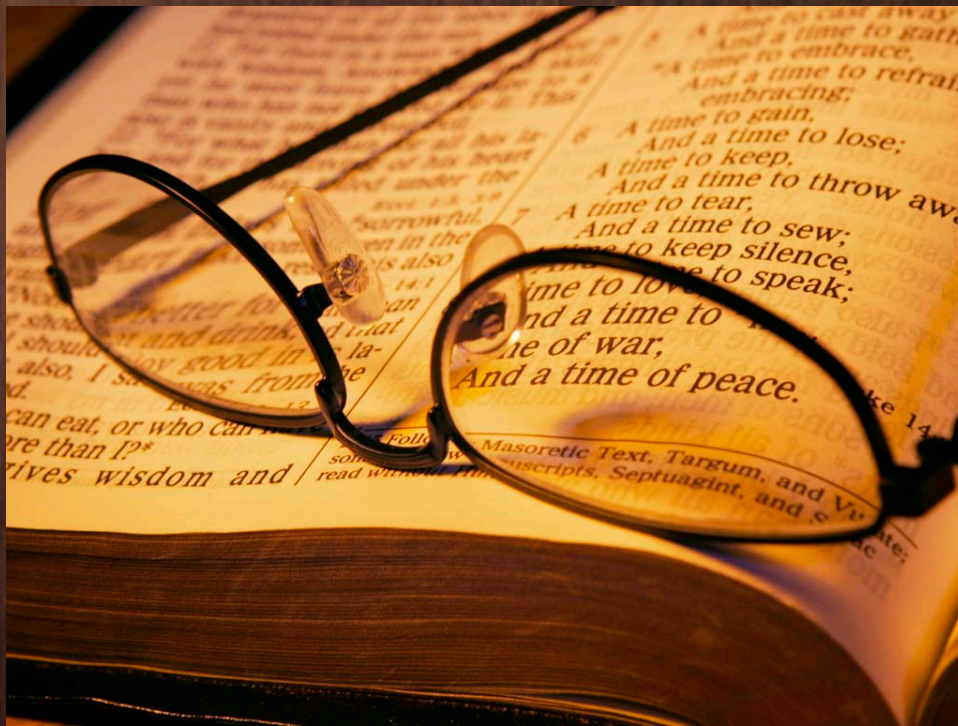


# *Be Ye Doers of the Word*



*Thoughts  
on the  
Book  
of  
JAMES*

**Radical & Different**  
**Faith & Works**  
**Rules & Regulations**  
**Effectual & Fervent**



## James 5:17 NIV

17) Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.



# “Just like us”

- God **talked** to Elijah
- Elijah lived in a **different time**
- Elijah had the **Holy Spirit**
- Don't confuse God's **REVELATION** with God's **INTERACTION**
- Don't confuse God's **RELATIONS** with God's **INTERACTION**
- Elijah was a man **JUST LIKE US**



# Prayer & the Holy Spirit

- James was trying to teach us about **PRAYER**, not the **HOLY SPIRIT**
- You **HAVE** to believe that God will do **MIRACULOUS THINGS** when you pray
- The whole idea and definition of **MIRACULOUS** is something that is **SUPERNATURAL**



# Prayer & the Holy Spirit

- Supernatural: *something that transcends or contravenes the known laws governing the universe*
- Prayer is how we ask God to change the normal course of events
- Prayer is *transcending the normal laws that govern our universe*



# Prayer is MIRACULOUS

- WE perform miracles through our prayers
- We are JUST LIKE Elijah



## James 1:5 NIV

- 5) If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who **gives generously** to all **without finding fault**, and it will be given to him.





## Colossians 1:9 KJV

- 9) For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding



# Faith

FAITH is REQUIRED for PRAYER



## James 1:6-8 NIV

- 6) But when he asks, he must **believe and not doubt**, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.
- 7) That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord;
- 8) he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.



## Mark 11:22-24 NIV

- 22) “Have faith in God,” Jesus answered.
- 23) “I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but **believes that what he says will happen**, it will be done for him.
- 24) Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, **believe that you have received it**, and it will be yours.



# Faith to move mountains?

*“I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.”*



# Literal or Spiritual?

- Jesus gives us a challenging example of a real-life literal event to push us past what we are normally comfortable with
- We also face huge issues that loom in front us like mountains, that can only be moved by prayer



## Mark 11:24 NIV

24) Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, **believe that you have received it**, and it will be yours.



## 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:14-15 KJV

- 14) And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:
- 15) And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.





## Luke 12:32 KJV

32) Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.



## Romans 8:28 NIV

28) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.



## Matthew 6:31-33 KJV

- 31) Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
- 32) (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
- 33) But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.



## Philippians 4:6-7 KJV

- 6) Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
- 7) And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



## James 4:3 NIV

- 3) When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with **wrong motives**, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.



# “Lord, teach us to pray”

- We can only really **CONNECT** with God while we are in **PRAYER**
- God **WANTS** us to connect with Him
- God desires a close, intimate **RELATIONSHIP** with us



# Be HONEST with God

- **PERFECTION** has never been a prerequisite of a relationship with God
- Being **HONEST** with God is
- What we sometimes think is **AUDACITY**, God sees as **AUTHENTICITY**



# Be HONEST with God

- Being honest with God also means sharing your FEELINGS with Him
- God uses EVERYTHING for good
- Expressing DOUBT is often the first step toward the next level of intimacy with God





# CONSTANT Communication

- God wants you to share **ALL** of your life's experiences with Him
- *Pray **WITHOUT** ceasing*
- Your goal is not a **FEELING**, but a constant awareness of the reality of God in your life



# Prayer Model

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

Our Father in heaven, hallowed  
be your name, your kingdom  
come, your will be done on  
earth as it is in heaven. Give us  
today our daily bread. Forgive  
us our debts, as we also have  
forgiven our debtors. And lead  
us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from the  
evil one

- Matthew 6:9-13



# Adoration

- Spend time praising God and adoring Him for who He is
- **BE STILL** before Him and enjoy His presence
- Pray scripture or hymns to God



# Confession

- Confession is a part of the our continual walk in Christ
- Ask God to search your heart for areas that displease Him
- **ACCEPT** God's forgiveness



# Thanksgiving

- Give thanks for **ALL** things
- Give thanks for the salvation you have received
- Thank God for His love



# Supplication

- Believers are called to intercessory prayer
- Bring your own needs and desires before our Heavenly Father
- Keep a **PRAYER LIST**



# James 5:13 NIV

13) Is any one of you who is suffering and in pain should  
be patient, for the coming of the Lord is near. He will visit  
the righteous and will give them peace and health, and will  
visit the wicked and will take them away, and will bring  
down the wicked and will bring down the proud.

Are you a sufferer?  
Are you a mourner?  
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# PRAY!

Is any one down?



## James 5:14 NIV

- 14) Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to **pray over him** and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.





## James 5:15 NIV

15) And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.



## James 5:16 KJV

16) Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.



# Effectual & Fervent

- The prayer of a righteous person can work miracles in your life
- But, **WHO** is righteous?
- Look for someone who acts righteously in the area you are having a problem with



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