

*Hope: The Anchor of God's Promises*

***"Your Prayers Have Power, I Promise!"***

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James 5:13-18

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- A. Prayer is \_\_\_\_\_ and prayer is \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Our prayers have power because God \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ our prayers (Matthew 18:19-20).
- C. Our prayers impact the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- D. The Bible is full of examples of God responding to the prayers of His people.
1. \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Samuel 1).
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Kgs. 20:2-6).
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ (Nehemiah 1).
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ (Jonah 2).
- E. Perhaps the greatest example of prayer power is the example of \_\_\_\_\_ (James 5:16-19).
1. He predicted that there would be no rain for \_\_\_\_\_ years (1 Kings 17:1).
  2. King Ahab had led his people into the worship of \_\_\_\_\_, the god they looked to for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Elijah challenged the prophets to a \_\_\_\_\_ to see whose \_\_\_\_\_ was the real \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kings 18:20-39).
  4. The prophets of Baal tried all day to get a response from their god, but \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. Elijah had them \_\_\_\_\_ over his altar and wood.
  6. God delighted in hearing Elijah's prayer, and answered the prayer in \_\_\_\_\_.
  7. God sent \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven, and God also sent \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kgs. 18:45).
- F. James was impressed that a prayer of such power came from a person so \_\_\_\_\_.
1. "Elijah was a \_\_\_\_\_ being as we \_\_\_\_\_."
- G. Our prayers matter to God because our prayers come from God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- H. As God's children, we have a role in running the \_\_\_\_\_ - the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 5:10).
- I. Look at these other \_\_\_\_\_ about prayer (Jn. 14:13-14; Jn. 15:7, 16; Jn. 16:23-24; 1 Jn. 5:14-15; James 4:2b-3).
1. What we learn from these verses is that when God's children pray in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, and pray \_\_\_\_\_ according to God's \_\_\_\_\_, then our prayers have power.
- J. "The only place that power comes before prayer is in the \_\_\_\_\_."
- K. \_\_\_\_\_ there is power in prayer and that's why he tries to keep us from it.
- L. The dramatic story of the power of prayer in the life of \_\_\_\_\_.
- M. Prayer should not be our last resort, but our first \_\_\_\_\_ and constant \_\_\_\_\_.
- N. Our prayers have \_\_\_\_\_, so let's keep on \_\_\_\_\_!

Answer Key: A. important, powerful. B. hears, answers. C. actions. D.1. Hannah. D.2. Hezekiah. D.3. Nehemiah. D.4. Jonah. E. Elijah. E.1. 3 1/2. E.2. Baal, rain, crops. E.3. contest, god, God. E.4. nothing, happened. E.5. pour, water. E.6. dramatic, fashion. E.7. fire, rain. F. common. F.1. human, are. G. children. H. family, business, kingdom. I. promises. I.1. name, unselfishly, will. J. dictionary. K. Satan, knows. L. Dmitri. M. step, practice. N. power, praying.