

# DEWITT TABERNACLE TEACHING SERIES

## "THE PRAYER OF FAITH"

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**JAMES 5:13-16, "IS ANY AMONG YOU AFFLICTED? LET HIM PRAY. IS ANY MERRY? Let HIM SING PSALMS.**

**IS ANY SICK AMONG YOU? LET HIM CALL FOR THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH; AND LET THEM PRAY OVER HIM, ANOINTING HIM WITH OIL IN THE NAME OF THE LORD:**

**AND THE PRAYER OF FAITH SHALL SAVE THE SICK, AND THE LORD SHALL RAISE HIM UP; AND IF HE HAVE COMMITTED SINS, THEY SHALL BE FORGIVEN HIM.**

**CONFESS YOUR FAULTS ONE TO ANOTHER, AND PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER, THAT YE MAY BE HEALED. THE EFFECTUL FERVENT**

**PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILETH MUCH."**

We want to study the Scriptures concerning "The prayer of faith." We want to know what it is, who can pray it, and what it does!!!

WHAT IS---"The Prayer of Faith" It is the Third Stage Pull of the Prophet's message restored into the Bride Church. It had been lost!!!!

It is speaking God's Word for Him and seeing Him back it up. It is the Last voice to the Last Church Age!

It is knowing what He wants done with His Word, (Church Age Bk. Pg.172.)

It is the fulfillment of the Scripture that Says "The Effectual Fervent Prayer of a Righteous man availeth much."

Many of us have not understood these things

and some of us have not been able to help the People who have called the Elders for help. First, why did the Gracious Lord instigate this Prayer of Faith that He said would save the sick and also meet other needs that His People have??

It was because He knew that some of us would need more Faith than we ourselves had in order to be healed and perhaps have other needs met. The sick were to Call themselves. Notice that the Scripture says they should call the Elders.

Who are the Elders? They are the ones who are further advanced in their Faith. (For whatever the reason.) They are perhaps older in the Lord, or have had more time to Study and received revelation!!! They will be known by the life they live and by their testimony. The Elders do

not do the healing, they just no matter how bad they may Pray as the Lord told them be and get our Eyes on Jesus, to do and Believe that He The Healer, then we can will do what He said. Pray the Prayer of Faith!

It is good if the Sick We cannot Pray the People have at least enough Prayer of Faith if we look Faith to call for the Elders. at the Person who is (They need confidence in needing it!!! There is only the Elders) But now we one place to look and that need a Revelation about is to Jesus, he Word. Do who The Lord holds not let the unbelief of the responsible for Believing sick one Stop our Prayer of for the answer. Faith for them.

For too long some of us Always remember that have looked at the Sick God instigated The Prayer of Person, and seeing their lack Faith to be Prayed for those of Faith, we have let their who need a boost in unbelief stop us from their Faith. Then God Believing for them! This is intends for us who are due to a lack of Called to Pray to Bear the understanding what the responsibility for the Prayer of Faith was given answer. God will heal the for. It was given by our one who receives the Elders merciful Lord to save those Prayer. Then if they need who don't have Faith of Saving, God will Save their own to have their needs them, and they must obey Him and serve Him in order met!

So then, if we who are to Keep their healing. So the bottom line in the called to Pray the "Prayer revelation that the of Faith" are not ready to responsibility for carry all the Burden of the Believing lays on the one sick one----then we are doing the Praying. How doing away with God's many times have we been Plan for helping those who defeated in our Prayers for have no Faith or who are others whenever we saw weak in Faith!!! We need their unbelief!!!! to get our Eyes off of the symptoms of the Sick one,

Notice again, the Scripture Says "It is the Prayer of Faith that saves the Sick!

Then which one is The Lord looking to, the one Praying or the Sick one???

It has to be the Elder that is Praying, because the Sick one has Confessed his need of help with his Faith!!!

Now, who is it that Qualifies as an Elder that can Pray The Prayer of Faith??

It is not necessarily the one who is the oldest of

James 5:16 tells us what the Qualification is for an Elder to be Called as one who can Pray the Prayer of Faith!!! James 5:16, "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."

So the one doing the Praying must be Righteous!!! He must be Considered by God as one who is Not condemned and is therefore in Right Standing with God.

But there is a Problem

here that must be Solved, because Righteousness does not come because we can keep all of God's Holy law all our lives.

Gal. 2:21, -----"For if **righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.**"

Christ kept all the law all His life, then because of this He became the Perfect Sacrifice. Then He, out of His Great Supernatural love, offered us Credit for what He has done.

We read this in Rom. 5:17-19, "For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.

Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came upon all men to condemnation*; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.*

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall

many be made **righteous."**

We have asked the Question "Who can Pray the Prayer of Faith so as to be heard by God??"

The Bible answer is those who have received the revelation of the Gift of righteousness and are no longer under condemnation! (Rom. 5:17)

1st John 3:21-22, "**Beloved, if our heart condemns us not, then have we confidence toward God.**

And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight."

And so it is the Righteous Person who can Pray the Prayer of Faith. The Word is full of Promises that are made to the righteous people.

Psalms 34:17, "**The righteous cry and the Lord heareth** ----- "

Pr. 10:21, "**The lips of the righteous feed many-**

Pr. 10:24, "----the **desire of the righteous shall be granted."**

Pr. 15:29, "-----but he **heareth the prayer of the righteous."**

1st Peter 3:12, "**FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE OVER THE RIGHTEOUS----**"

"**The fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.**" (James 5:16)

Now, what does the Prayer of Faith do?? It meets the need of the one who is prayed for.

The answer may not come in the way we prayed, "for we know not how to pray as we ought."

Can we believe that God may know a better way to meet the need than what we have asked for???----or do we ignorantly Suppose that 1-le needs our advice??

Examples of the Prayer of Faith being prayed: At the pool of Bethesda where there was a Great multitude of invalids, Jesus Prayed for a man who said he couldn't be he healed.

At Beautiful gate the crippled man wasn't asking for healing. That wasn't on his mind. He asked for money.

When the disciples needed fish they didn't

have Faith of their own for a catch. The Lord's Faith gave them a supernatural catch.

In the storm at Sea, the disciples had no Faith to Stop it. They were badly scared. The Lord Prayed the Prayer of Faith for them and stopped the storm.

The man who had the lunatic son came to the disciples, but they couldn't Pray the Prayer

of Faith. Then Jesus Said, "Do you believe I can Pray the Prayer of Faith???"

The father didn't have the Faith to believe for his son, but Jesus didn't let that Stop Him. He Prayed the Prayer of Faith for his son.

May we not look at the symptoms of the person who has Called the Elders. We can never Pray the Prayer of Faith while we

let their Symptoms and lack of Faith stop our Believing.

They have asked us to Pray because they don't have all the Faith they need. God has Sent us there to believe Him for them, so He can have mercy on them and help them.

God is holding the Elders responsible for Believing for the needy. Amen