



BELIEVING FOR AN ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYER

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Belief opens the door for faith to flow in our heart and for us to believe for God to answer. We must believe before we can receive an answer to our prayers.

Jesus said, “For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says. **Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe you receive them, and you will have them.**” (Mark 11:23-24).

We can have mountains in our life whether it is sickness, disease, financial problems, marital problems, employment problems or whatever.

Jesus is challenging us in this Scripture to pray believing for these mountains to be removed. Whenever we pray we should believe that something good is happening.

As we believe, this opens the door for faith to flow in our heart and for us to believe for the right answer. We must believe before we can receive an answer to our prayers.

Jesus goes on to say, “And that whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespassers.

But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.” (Mark 11:25-26).

Forgiveness on our part to everybody who has ever hurt or damaged us is a key to receiving answers to our prayers.

Jesus hung on the cross bloodied, beaten, cursed and mocked to forgive us,

therefore forgiveness on our part is not an option, it is a commandment from God Himself and we must obey it if we desire to receive an answer to our prayers.

Our conscience

A critical issue is the state of our conscience. We know in our hearts if we have committed any wrongs.

Therefore the Bible says, **“For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.” (1 John 3:20-21).**

When we have sinned our heart will condemn us. **If we confess our sins God is just and faithful to forgive us. (1 John 1:9).** Therefore confession of sin is a vital step in receiving an answer to prayer.

Scripture then says, **“And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.” (1 John 3:21-23.)**

The word “believe” means cling to, trust and obey Christ. It is just not a mental affirmation; it is an attitude of heart.

Finally, we are told from Scripture, **“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.” (1 John 5:14-15.)**

We can have confidence in God when we trust Him, obey Him and cling to Him and turn from all sin. It is in God’s will to heal us, to prosper us and bless us in every way. (Deuteronomy 28:1-14).

As we open our hearts to Him, trusting Him, obeying Him, loving Him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength then we can claim these promises.

Take time now to read carefully through the following items and be aware of what your heart reveals to you and what you need to renounce. Then pray, confess your sin to God and ask Him to forgive you.

The Bible describes sin as follows;

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 says, "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived.

Neither fornicators (sex outside of marriage),
not idolaters,
not adulterers,
not homosexuals,
not sodomites,
not thieves,
not covetous,
not drunkards,
not revilers,
not extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.”

Uncleanness (impurity)

Filthy language

Dirty jokes

Licentiousness (indecent) (e.g. Pornography)
(Colossians 3:8, Galatians 5:19 & Ephesians 5:3-4)

Those involved in:

Sorcery i.e. witchcraft (Galatians 5:20)

For example: Fortune telling, Horoscopes,

Some forms of heavy metal rock,

Drugs,

Ouija boards,

Charms,

Spiritism,

Séances

Freemasonry

Martial Arts – Kung Fu, Aikido, Tae Kwon Du, Karate, Tai Chi, Judo (rooted in
Taoism and Buddhism)

Druids Lodge

Eastern religions: Yoga, TM, ESP, Hypnosis (Hindu god Shiva), Shadow puppetry

Worship of the creation (Idolatry). Romans 1:25 says, "who exchanged the
truth of god for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the
creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”

Those practicing:

Hatred

Contentions (e.g. quarrelsome)

Jealousies

Outbursts of wrath

Selfish ambitions

Dissensions (causing fights)

Heresies (e.g. Jehovah Witnesses and Mormons)

Envy

Murders (e.g. deliberate unnecessary abortion)

Drunkenness

Revelries (wild parties)

(Galatians 5:20-21)

Those who are:

Cowardly (refuse to follow Christ)

Unbelieving

Abominable

Sexually immoral

Liars (Revelation 21:8)

You are invited to say this prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, I confess you are the only Son of God, that You died on the Cross for my sins and rose again. In Your name I now renounce all sin and all contact with the occult. I receive Your forgiveness. Thank You Heavenly Father for delivering me in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ."

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