



BELIEVING GOD

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Many of us pray daily to the Lord asking Him to meet our various needs.

But there might be doubt in our heart as to whether God is really listening. However the Bible says, **"The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on the behalf of those whose heart is perfect towards Him."** (2 Chronicles 16:9.)

This raises the obvious question, "Is our heart perfect towards God? Are we totally committed to the Lord, reading and obeying His Word and His commandment to love one another as He loved us?"

God appeared to Abraham in his old age, took him outside and showed him the stars in the heavens. He told him, "So shall your descendants be." Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Here we have an impossible situation, an elderly man being told that he would have millions upon millions of descendants.

Despite his age he believed God. Since then the descendants of Abraham have been measured in multiple millions.

Abraham believed God. We have to believe God in every impossible situation. We can only do this if our heart is perfect towards God.

The odds may be stacked against us. There may seem to be no hope or that nothing can resolve the problem.

Nevertheless, God calls upon us to believe Him, which means trusting and obeying Him completely.

The key issue is the state of our heart. If we have opened our heart to God

and confessed our sins then we are in a far better position to believe and trust Him.

The Scripture says, "Beloved if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence towards God. 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).

Confidence in God

The Lord gives us confidence that He will hear us.

"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 we have the petitions that we have asked of Him." (1 John 5:14-15).

If we are reading our Bible we will know when we are praying in accordance with His will. The Bible clearly explains that God heals, delivers us from the power of the devil, does miracles and creates things out of nothing. Therefore if we are praying for healing, deliverance and miracles including the miracle of salvation for others then God will be listening to us.

Jesus told His disciples that they should always pray and not give up. He gave the example of the persistent widow who kept on praying to the unjust judge and never gave up. Finally the unjust judge finally listened and answered her prayer. (Luke 18:2-5).

Jesus said, "And shall God not avenge his own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily." (Luke 18:7-8).

Jesus said, "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." (John 14:13-14.)

Obviously our requests must be in accordance with the Word of God.

The Scripture is clear that God listens to us, loves us and desires to answer our prayers.

One of the major obstacles preventing God answering our prayers can be sin in our life. That is why the Scripture says,

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened,

That it cannot save;

Nor His ear heavy,

That it cannot hear.

But your inequities have separated you from your God;

And your sins have hidden His face from you,

So that He will not hear." (Isaiah 59:1-2).

Therefore when we come to the Lord we must remember;

1. That He loves us.

2. That He is willing to answer our prayers.

3. He is the God of the impossible.

4. We must search our heart and confess any sin. If our hearts do not condemn us then we have confidence towards God and we know that He hears us.

5. If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us and if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

6. We must be like Abraham who, despite his old age, believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

7. What is impossible with man is possible with God.

8. Never give up! Never give up!

May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen you in every way.

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