



KEYS TO RECEIVING ANSWERS TO PRAYER

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Jesus said, “For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says this mountain, ‘Be removed and 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 we 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.

A list of what the Bible describes is sin, will now follow and after that is an occult checklist.

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.

Sin List:

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)

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

For example: Fortune telling – Horoscopes

Some forms of heavy metal rock

Ouija boards

Drugs - 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)

Occult Check List

Possible Demonic Entry Points:

- Abstract art (under hallucinogenic stimulus)
- Acupuncture
- Amulets (tiger's claw, shark's tooth, horseshoe over door, mascots, talisman (magic picture))
- Ankh (a cross with a ring top used in satanic rites)
- Apparitions - occultic
- Astral travel
- Astrology
- Augury (interpreting omens)
- Automatic writing
- Birth signs
- Black arts
- Black magic (involving hidden powers for bad ends)
- Black mass
- Blood subscriptions (pacts)
- Cartomancy (using playing cards)
- Chain letters
- Charming or enchanting (attempts to use spirit power)
- Charms and charming for wart removal

- [] Chinese astrology
- [] Clairaudience (ability to hear voices and sounds super-normally - spirited voices alleging to be those of dead people giving advice or warnings)
- [] Clairsentience (supernormal sense perception)
- [] Clairvoyance (ability to see objects or events spontaneously or supernormally above their normal range of vision - second sight)
- [] Colour therapy
- [] Concept therapy
- [] Conjuraton (summoning up a spirit by incantation)
- [] Coven (a community of witches)
- [] Crystal ball gazing
- [] Crystals
- [] Death magic (where the name of the sickness plus a written spell is cast into coffin or grave)
- [] Demon worship
- [] Disembodied spirits
- [] Divining rod or twig or pendulum (Hosea 4:12)
- [] Dowsing or witching for water, minerals, under-ground cables, finding out the sex of unborn child using divining rod, pendulum, twig or planchette
- [] Dream interpretation (as with Edgar Cayce books)
- [] Dungeons and dragons
- [] Eastern meditation/religious - Gurus, Mantras, Yoga, Temples etc
- [] Ectoplasm (unknown substance from body of a medium)
- [] Enchanting
- [] E.S.P. (extra sensory perception)
- [] Findhorn Community
- [] Floating trumpets
- [] Fortune telling
- [] Gothic rock music
- [] Gurus
- [] Gypsy curses
- [] Hallucinogenic drugs (cocaine, heroin, marijuana, sniffing glue etc)
- [] Handwriting analysis (for fortune telling)
- [] Hard rock music - Kiss, Led Zeppelin, Rolling Stones
- [] Heavy metal music - AC/DC, Guns and Roses (all heavy rock)
- [] Hepatoscopy (examination of liver for interpretation)
- [] Hex signs (hexagrams)
- [] Horoscopes
- [] Hydromancy (divination by viewing images in water)

- [] Hypnosis
- [] Idols
- [] Incantations
- [] Iridology (eye diagnosis)
- [] Japanese flower arranging (sun worship)
- [] Jonathan Livingstone Seagull (Reincarnation, Hinduism)
- [] Kabbala (Occult Lore)
- [] Karma
- [] Levitation
- [] Lucky charms or signs of the Zodiac or birthstones
- [] Magic (not sleight of hand but use of supernatural power)
- [] Mantras
- [] Martial arts (Aikido, Judo, Karate, Kung fu, Tae Kwan Do etc)
- [] Matthew Manning
- [] Mediums
- [] Mental suggestion
- [] Mental telepathy
- [] Mental therapy
- [] Mesmerism
- [] Metaphysics (study of spirit world)
- [] Mind control
- [] Mind Dynamics
- [] Mind mediumship
- [] Mind reading
- [] Moon-mancy
- [] Motorskopua (mechanical pendulum for diagnosing illness)
- [] Mysticism
- [] Necromancy (conjuring up spirits of the dead)
- [] Numerical symbolism
- [] Numerology
- [] Occultic games
- [] Occult letters of protection
- [] Occult literature, eg The Greater World, The 6th & 7th Book of Moses, The Other side, The book of Venus, Pseudo-Christian works of Jacob Lorber, works by Edgar Cayce, Alistair Crowley, Jean Dixon, Levi Dowling, Arthur Ford (The Overt Worship of Spirit Beings), Johann Greber, Andrew Jackson Davis, Anton Le Vay, Ruth Montgomery, John Newborough, Eric Von Daniken, Dennis Wheatley. Such books should be burned, regardless of cost.
- [] Omens

- Ouija boards
- Pagan fetishes
- Pagan religious objects, artefacts and relics
- Pagan rites (Voodoo, Sing sings, Corroborees, Fire walking, Umbahda, Macumba)
- Palmistry
- Pk (parakineses - control of objects by the power of the mind and will)
- Parapsychology (PS) - especially study of demonic activity
- Pendulum diagnosis
- Phrenology (divining/analysis from the skull)
- Planchette (divining)
- Precognition (foreknowledge of the occurrence of events)
- Psychic healing
- Psychic sight
- Psychography (use of heart shaped board)
- Psychometry (telling fortunes by lifting or holding object belonging to the enquirer)
- Punk rock music
- Pyramidology (mystic powers associated with models of pyramids)
- Rebirthing
- Reiki
- Reincarnation
- Rhabdomancy (casting sticks into the air for interpreting omens)
- Satanism
- Séances
- Self hypnosis
- Significant pagan days
- Silva Mind Control (SMC - Psychorientology)
- Sorcery
- Spells
- Spirit knockings or rappings
- Star signs
- Stichomancy (fortune telling from random reference to books)
- Stigmata - i.e. occultic types
- Superstitions (self or parents or grandparents)
- Table tipping
- Tarot cards (22 picture cards for fortune telling)
- Tea-leaf reading
- Thought transference

- [] TK (telekineses - objects move around room, instruments play, engines start)
- [] TM (Transcendental Meditation)
- [] Trances
- [] Transmigration
- [] Travel of the soul
- [] UFO fixation
- [] Uri Geller
- [] White magic (invoking hidden powers for 'good ends')
- [] Witchcraft
- [] Yoga (involves Eastern demon worship)
- [] Zodiac charms, birthdates
- [] Zodiac signs

Suggested 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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