

Effectual Fervent Prayer, Part 4 - Delivering Prayer

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.

When Daniel went on his 21-day fast, God gave him a grand vision – every word was true, but it didn't all happen immediately!

Daniel 10:1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

We've been praying the Lord's Prayer this week, including this powerful statement over ourselves, our families and our church – DELIVER US!

Matthew 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

DELIVERANCE – essentially all the Bible words for deliverance indicate “help from another that rescues from danger” – to deliver means to set free, to liberate, to release, to rescue – it's a “Jubilee” word!

There is an important principle of deliverance you need to understand:

Joshua 1:3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

TREAD – “DARAK” – to string a bow, tread down, conquer, fight for!
GIVEN – “NATAN” – deliver to

WHEN GOD DELIVERS YOU, YOU STILL HAVE TO FIGHT FOR IT!

Although God had allowed them to enter the Promised Land, they had not yet possessed everything that was included in that promise! The Lord wanted them to continue to fight until their enemies were totally defeated and they were totally delivered from that influence.

Judges 1:1-3 Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them? And the LORD said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand. And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot.

JUDAH – “PRAISE” – to worship, throw a stone, shoot an arrow
SIMEON – “HEAR AND OBEY” – pay attention, shew forth, witness

If we want **DELIVERANCE**, it will take **WORSHIP** and **OBEDIENCE!**

The book of Judges has actually been called “The Dark Ages of Israel” because of the nation's constant backsliding. This is characterized by the recurring cycle of disobedience, foreign oppression, cries of distress, and deliverance by the judges. But remarkably, this age of failure in Israel was in a special way the Old Testament Age of the Spirit, when men were enabled by God's Spirit to accomplish mighty acts!

Judges 2:16 Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

Judges 6:3-6 And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them; And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass. For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude; for both they and their camels were without number: and they entered into the land to destroy it. And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites; and the children of Israel cried unto the LORD.

Judges 6:12-14 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him, and said unto him, The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour. And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt? but now the Lord hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites. And the Lord looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?

JUST STAND YOUR GROUND AND FIGHT – I WILL BE WITH YOU!

1 Samuel 17:45-47 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands.

DAVID TRAINED HIS MIGHTY MEN TO STAND THEIR GROUND!

1 Chronicles 11:12-14 And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of the three mighties. He was with David at Pasdammim, and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle, where was a parcel of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines. And they set themselves in the midst of that parcel, and delivered it, and slew the Philistines; and the LORD saved them by a great deliverance.

2 Samuel 23:11-12 And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles; and the people fled from the Philistines. But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the LORD wrought a great victory.

ALL THESE MEN ARE SAVING THE HARVEST GOD GAVE THEM!
(“It may not be important to you, but this is MY harvest!”)

Ephesians 6:10-17 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

STOP RUNNING, TURN AROUND AND STAND YOUR GROUND!

Psalms 18:37-39 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed. I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet. For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

DELIVERANCE IS GOING TO COME TO THOSE WHO FIGHT FOR IT!

Esther 4:14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

STAND UP AND FIGHT – AND TRUST GOD FOR VICTORY!