

WHY KEEP PRAYING

Today is the second part of our emphasis on prayer... last week we answered the question... Why Pray? Today we are asking the question, why keep praying?

Ephesians 3:20 – Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us... (NKJV)

GOD IS DEPEND-ABLE

Jude 24 – To him **who is able** to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy. (NIV)

Romans 4:20-21 – (*Abraham*) ... did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being **fully persuaded** that God had power to do what he had promised. (NIV)

2 Timothy 1:12 - ...*I know whom I have believed* and **am persuaded** that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that day. (NKJV)

Job 13:15 – Though he slay me, yet will **I trust in him**... (NKJV)

Daniel 3:18... our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver *us* from your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up. (NKJV)

GOD DEPOSITED IN US

Ephesians 3:20 – Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, **according to the power that works in us**... (NKJV)

Ephesians 6:12 – For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against **principalities**, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in heavenly places. (NKJV)

1 Peter 5:8 – Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. (NIV)

Daniel 10:12-21 – Then he (*the angel*) continued, “Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. ¹³ But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. ¹⁴ Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come.” ...²⁰ Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come;... ²¹ but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince.) (NIV)

Are we praying exceedingly above all we can ask or think prayers? Are we praying for the impossible?

GOD HEARS AND HE ANSWERS

Revelation 8:3-4... another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God’s people, on the golden altar in front of the throne. ⁴ The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God’s people, went up before God from the angel’s hand. ⁵ Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake. (NIV)