

JAMES 1:1-8

LAST TIME ~ INSTRUCTION FOR PRAYER ~
- START -
TODAY: THE ESSENTIAL OF PRAYER ~

"FAITH" ~ (HEB 11:6) "WITHOUT FAITH" ~
IT IS "IMPOSSIBLE" TO PLEASE GOD ~

FAITH ~ MAKES US SURE ~ OF WHAT
WE ASK FOR ~ "FAITH" GIVES US
"THE PROOF" OF WHAT "CANNOT"
BE SEEN ~

SO OUR FAITH:

~ PRESENT ~ PRACTICED ~ PROVEN ~

HERE, JAMES SAYS:

WE LEARN ABOUT OUR FAITH ~ WHEN
IT IS TESTED ~ [PROVEN]

A

LOT OF TROUBLE MAY COME ~ (BE GLAD)

FOR IF YOUR FAITH ~ "ENDURES" ~
[PRESENT] YOU

WILL LEARN TO BE "COMPLETELY" ~
"MATURE" ~ [PRACTICED] IN

KNOWLEDGE + WISDOM ~

FAITH ^{AND} WISDOM KNOWLEDGE
"GO TOGETHER" --- [ARE] ---
AND (EQUAL PART OF PRAYER)

→ GIVEN AND LEAD BY THE SPIRIT

["WISDOM" + "KNOWLEDGE" ARE ---
GIVEN BY THE --- HOLY SPIRIT]
(1 COR 12:8)

PAUL CALLS THEM:

① A WORD OF WISDOM -

A "SUPERNATURAL" REVELATION
[OF THE DIVINE PURPOSE OF GOD]

"JAMES"

RELATES IT WITH PRAYER
IF YOU "LACK" "DON'T KNOW"
THE PURPOSE - OR - PLAN - OF
GOD - "ASK"

"MANY TIMES"

→ THIS PRAYER COMES (UNDER TRIALS)

② BECAUSE, KNOWLEDGE -- "OR" A
SUPERNATURAL UNDERSTANDING --
"IS"

BROUGHT TO LIGHT -- THROUGH TRIALS
("LORD -- SHOW ME") -- (WHAT TO DO)
FOR

[THIS TESTING -- "REVEALS OUR
"FAITH" -- BY PRODUCING PATIENCE --]

"SO"

A TRIAL IS NOT JUST SOMETHING
TO "ENDURE" OR "TOLERATE" --

"BUT"

["A TIME OF TRUSTING IN GOD" -- & --
-- SHOULD BE TREASURED --]

"BECAUSE"

IT BUILDS A SENSE -- OF "QUIETNESS"
OR

"SELF -- POSSESSION" -- (OF OUR --
-- SPIRIT) -- IN "RESIGNATION" --

("TO GOD'S WILL") --

"WHICH IS" --

"A"

"DIVINELY SET GOAL" — WITH A
"DETERMINED" "PERSEVERANCE"

IN REACHING IT

"SO"

IN EVERY TRIAL — GOD IS WORKING

TO "PERFECT" PATIENCE"

"THIS"

WISDOM — KNOWLEDGE — PATIENCE
— IS — "OBTAINED" THROUGH "PRAYER"

I] PRAYER PLEASES GOD - (G)

"ASK GOD"

GOD IS GENEROUS — (AND)

WILL NOT CORRECT YOU —

FOR ASKING —

"BECAUSE"

(A) IT ESTABLISHES RELATIONSHIP —

"MY FATHER"
"MY GOD" ~ "MY REDEEMER" ~ "MY FRIEND"

(B) IT EMPHASIS A RESOLVE - (S)

YOU COME TO A ~ "DEFINITE" ~ "EARNEST"
"DECISION" ~ "TO CLEAR AWAY"
ANY + ALL ~ "DOUBTS" ~

WHEN I PRAY

"I HAVE A CONFIDENCE" ~ "GOD IS"
A GENEROUS GOD
WHO

"GIVES TO ALL MEN LIBERALLY" ~

(C) SHOWS THE CHRIST RELATIONSHIP -

① SALVATION, SIMPLY COMES AS A GIFT --
UPON REQUEST --

② HERE, SIMPLY ASK, WITH FAITH,
AND GOD WILL ANSWER -- AND --

GRANT OUR REQUEST -- --

NOT A "FORCEING FAITH" ~ BUT AND ~
"ALLOWING FAITH" ~ IN GOD

"ASK" - ~~AN~~ ~~ALLOW~~?
IT SHALL BE GIVEN -
"SEEK" "AN ALLOW"
AND YE SHALL FIND -
"KNOW" "AN ALLOW"
AND IT SHALL BE OPENED -
(LUKE 11)

"SO"
I. PRAYER PLEASES GOD - "ASK GOD" (3)

II. PRAYER REQUIRES FAITH -
- "ASK IN FAITH" -

(A) A STABLE FAITH - (6)

"NOTHING WEAVERING"

DON'T BE TOSSED AROUND - BY
THE ENEMY - SATAN

"CAN'T"

"MAKE UP YOUR MIND" - "OR"

"BE CAUGHT UP" - IN THE
MOMENT -

"A STABLE FAITH" - IS THE ABILITY
TO LAY HOLD ON - THE
- MIGHTY "OPERATIONS" OF GOD -

② A SOURCE OF FAITH - ③

IT IS ESTABLISHED THAT -- THESE
PEOPLE ARE CHRISTIANS -- "JAMES"
CALLS THEM -- "BRETHERN" - ②

+
HE SAYS -- "YOUR FAITH" - ③

"THUS"

-- THEY KNOW THE LORD JESUS --
"PERSONALLY" --

"THEY"

[BELIEVE HE IS THE -- SON OF GOD --
-- THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD --
"THEY"

-- HAVE HAD THEIR SINS FORGIVEN --
AND -- RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT --

"SO"

[THEIR FAITH IS "AN ACTIVE FAITH" --
FROM THE -- (GOD THEY LOVE) --]

③ IT IS A SERVING FAITH --

"APPLYING" CHRIST TO EVERY --
"CIRCUMSTANCE" -- IN OUR LIFE --
"TO PROVE" -- (ALLOW)

-- OUR FAITH IS REAL --

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JAMES SAYS: (vs 3)
"WE KNOW" — "WE LEARN" — "TO
ENDURE" — (KEEP ON — KEEPING ON) —

BY THE PROVING OF OUR FAITH —

WHICH IS PROVEN

BY

— "ANSWERED PRAYER" —

① WE ARE RIGHTEOUS BY FAITH —
(GAL 3:6, 9)

— ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD — AND —
IT WAS ACCOUNTED TO HIM —
FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS —

— SO THEN ALL WHO ARE OF FAITH —
ARE BLESSED BY OR LIKE —
ABRAHAM —

② WE ENJOY GOD'S PROMISES —
BY FAITH — (GAL 3:22) PHIL 4:19

(GOD WILL SUPPLY — ALL)

— FAITH CAN BELIEVE FOR —

— LET HIM ASK IN FAITH — (5)

(JOHN 14: 12-14) (SERVING FAITH)

— PRAYER AND FAITH —

(12) "BELIEVE ON ME" — AND THE WORKS
THAT I DO — YE SHALL DO ALSO —

WHAT DID JESUS DO? — "THE WILL"
"OF THE FATHER"

(13) ASK ME — AND I WILL DO —
WHATEVER YOU ASK —

"BUT"

THE MOTIVE :

(THAT THE FATHER WILL BE GLORIFIED)

(THAT IS)

— THE SON WILL BRING HONOR TO
— THE FATHER —

(14) I WILL DO WHATEVER YOU
ASK — "WHY"

BECAUSE YOUR "ASKING" (REACHES)
THE HEART OF GOD

I] PRAYER PLEASES GOD -

II] PRAYER REQUIRES FAITH -

III] PRAYER PERFECTS FAITH - 4

THAT YOU MAY BE:

— PERFECT — ENTIRE — WANTING NOTHING —

(A PERFECT FAITH)

— PATIENTLY WAITING — -- FOR
OUR PETITION TO BE GRANTED —

GOD CANNOT BUILD OUR CHARACTER
— WITHOUT OUR CO-OPERATION —

"GOD"

[WANTS A ~~PERFECT~~ PERFECT WORK
— OF FAITH — WITHIN US —]

"HE"

— MUST HAVE OUR CONSENT —

— WHICH IS —

— (A SURRENDERED WILL) —
(GOING)

THE WILL OF GOD — FROM OUR
— HEARTS —

- THIS IS A PERFECT FAITH -

① COUNT IT ALL JOY = (ATTITUDE)

② AN UNDERSTANDING HEART ---
(KNOWS)

③ A SURRENDERED WILL ---
"LET'S" --- THE BELIEVER ---
"ASK IN FAITH" ---

GOAL APPROVAL OF OUR FAITH ---
IS "PRECIOUS" --- BECAUSE IT ---

~~PROVED~~

"ASSURES US" THAT OUR "FAITH" ---
--- IS PERFECTED ---

(FAITH) IS
"THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT"
--- FOR PRAYER ---

HEB 4:14-16

PRAY EXPECTING

"PREGNANT" WITH FAITH IN
OUR HIGH PRIEST

ALL PRAYER BEGINS AND ENDS

WITH

"CHRIST" OUR "HIGH PRIEST"

① IT IS THROUGH HIM THAT I AM
INSTRUCTED TO PRAY

② IT IS THROUGH HIM THAT MY
FAITH IS ESTABLISHED

TO EXPECT AN ANSWER

"YOU SEE"

(MY SALVATION IS SURE)

"NOT" IN WORKS

"NOT" IN KEEPING THE LAW

"BUT" IN THE FINISHED WORK
OF CALVARY

UNDER THE NEW COVENANT -- --
CHRIST -- IS THE CENTER OF THE -- --
-- PRIESTHOOD --

"THIS IS"

"A REVOLUTIONARY DEPARTURE" -- --
FROM -- THE "HEBREW LAW" -- --

HERE

THE WRITER OF "HEBREWS" -- IS
ESTABLISHING -- THE "LEGAL"
"GROUND" -- ON WHICH -- CHRIST
-- IS NOW -- OUR HIGH PRIEST --

SO,

UNDER CHRIST -- ALL THE ^{AARONIC} ~~ARONIC~~
-- ~~ARONIC~~ PRIVILEGES -- AS WELL
AS -- RESPONSIBILITIES -- ~~WERE~~ --
-- ALL ABOLISHED --

"NOW"

CHRIST -- ONLY -- IS MAN'S VOICE TO
THE FATHER --

AS "HIGH PRIEST"

HE PRESENTS US TO THE FATHER --

-- IN HIS RIGHTEDUSNESS --
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"CHRIST"

IS NOW -- THE LEGAL "HIGH PRIEST"
-- TO REPRESENT MANKIND --
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HIS MINISTRY WAS -- ORDAINED
BY THE FATHER --

① SENT TO EARTH -- AS A MAN --
CHRIST MINISTRY -- WAS THAT OF
A PROPHET --

② WHEN HE RETURNS TO EARTH --
HIS MINISTRY WILL BE "AS KING"
-- TO CONQUER ALL FOES --
ESTABLISH RIGHTEOUSNESS --

③ NOW -- HE IS A PRIEST -- AT GOD'S
RIGHT HAND -- "INTERCEEDING"
FOR HIS CHILDREN -- HIS --
"BRIDE" -- "HIS CHURCH" --
"PRAISE GOD" !!!

IN
(HEB 4:14-16) "HE IS"

INTRODUCED -- AS OUR --
"GREAT HIGH-PRIEST" -- "BY"

⑭ HIS PERSON ⑮ HIS PURITY ⑯
-- HIS POSITION

E] HIS PERSON - (14)

(JESUS, THE SON OF GOD)

"WE ARE CHALLENGED" TO HOLDFAST
OUR PROFESSION (CONFESSION) - -

— CONFESSION — OF WHAT ?

- ① THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD —
- ② THAT AS THE SON OF GOD — HE IS OUR
GREAT HIGH PRIEST —
- ③ THAT HE HAS — AT THE CROSS —
PUT AWAY — ALL OUR SINS — FOREVER —
- ④ THAT BEING RAISED — FROM THE DEAD —
HE HAS PASSED — THROUGH THE
HEAVENS — (CH 7: 26)

FOR SUCH A
HIGH PRIEST WAS "FITTING" FOR US —
WHO IS "HOLY" "HARMLESS" "UNDEFILED"
— "SEPARATED FROM SINNERS" — MADE
— "HIGHER THAN THE HEAVENS" —

WHAT DOES "PASS THROUGH" THE
HEAVENS —

MEAN:

STOP