

THE POWER OF PRAYER

James 5:16-18

Misconception #3:

If God is Sovereign and in control, why bother praying?

Big Idea: *We are instructed to pray, as it holds the power to bring about change.*

1. Scripture clearly reveals that _____ .

^{16a} “Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed.”

Romans 8:15 “For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, ‘Abba! Father!’”

1 Thessalonians 5:17 “Pray without ceasing.”

John 15:7 “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you.”

James 4:2 “You lust and do not have; so, you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so, you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.”

2. Scripture clearly reveals that _____ .

^{16b} “The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.”

Hebrews 11:33-34 “Who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.”

Acts 16:25-26 “But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them; ²⁶ and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened.”

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