

He Prayed Fervently - then He Prayed Again
James 5:13-18

INTRODUCTION

The work of the church must be supported by the prayers of God's people.

R. C. Sproul- "We always choose according to our strongest inclination at the moment of choice."

John Bunyan - *Pilgrim's Progress* - "Prayer is a sincere, sensible, affectionate pouring out of the heart or soul to God, through Christ, in the strength and assistance of the Holy Spirit, for such things as God has promised, or according to the Word of God, for the good of the church, with submission in faith to the will of God."

Oswald Chambers - "We take for granted that prayer is preparation for work, whereas prayer is the work. Intercessory prayer is God's chosen way of working."

"Lord, teach me to pray powerful and effective prayers."

Because God _____ our prayers, we must pray fervently, and then pray again.
(vss. 17-18a)

I. Because God hears our prayers, we must pray _____.

Oswald Chambers - "We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense. We pray when there's nothing else we can do, but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all. Most of us would prefer, however, to spend our time doing something that will get immediate results. We don't want to wait for God to resolve matters in His good time because His idea of 'good time' is seldom in sync with ours."

II. Because God hears our prayers, we must pray with a _____ heart. (vs. 16)

Romans 8:26-27 - *Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*

III. Because God hears our prayers, we must pray _____. (vs. 17)

IV. Because God hears our prayers, we must pray _____. (vss. 17-18)

V. Because God hears our prayers, we must pray in accordance with God's _____.

1 Kings 17:2 – *And the word of the LORD came to him.*

1 Kings 18:1 – *After many days the word of the LORD came to Elijah.*

VI. Because God hears our prayers, we must pray with God's _____ in view.

1 Kings 18:36-37 - *And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back."*

Psalms 115:1 – *Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your.*

Conclusion

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Please pray:

- That God would end this pandemic
- That God would end the holocaust of abortion
- That God would heal those at SH who are sick, struggling, hurting, or in need.
- That SHPC would continue to grow through evangelism and disciple making
- For the marriages and families at SHPC and our community
- For our children and youth, that God would build them up in their faith
- That God would revive us, our church, our community, our country, and the world!

Author unknown - "Any discussion of the doctrine of prayer that does not issue in the practice of prayer is not only not helpful but harmful."

Key: INTRO - Hears; **I** - First; **II** - Clean; **III** - Fervently; **IV** - Specifically; **V** - Will; **VI** - Glory