

# MZRF BIBLE STUDY

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## Prevailing Prayers – Pray More Earnestly

*And [Jesus] spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint... exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving thanks, be made for all men... [for] the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. [For example] Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit (Luke 18:1, I Timothy 1:2 & James 5:16b-18).*

### **Purpose/Objective**

The main purpose/objective of this study is to encourage and exhort our disciples on how to have a prevailing prayer-life by praying more earnestly. Our Lord Jesus was a man of prayer. He prayed more earnestly than any other personality in the bible. Thus, prevailed at all times. He experienced open heaven throughout his lifetime. His disciples took note. At the request of the disciples, our Lord taught them how to pray. Obviously, there must be principles or elements of prayer that the twelve did not grasp for them to make such request unto the Lord. Nonetheless, they deemed prayers as very important part of their lives and ministries. They knew that a prayerless disciple is a powerless disciple. So, we will discuss some of the main principles that facilitate prevailing prayers.

#### **1. What is Prayer?**

#### **2. Prayer Postures/Frequency/Duration (critical element)**

#### **3. Parts/Kinds of Prayers\***

- a. Adoration
- b. Confession
- c. Thanksgiving
- d. Intercession
- e. Supplication
- f. Imprecatory (Warfare)

#### **4. Characteristics/Requirements of Prevailing Prayers**

- a. Confession/Repentance of sins
- b. Heart condition (Purity, Humility and Covetousness, etc.)

- c. Forgiveness
- d. Faith (Believing/Assurance)
- e. God's will/In Jesus name
- f. Gravity/Intensity/Perseverance
  
- g. Consecration/Fasting
  
- h. Without Ceasing

## **5. Praying Amiss**

- a. Sins (unconfessed/unrepentant)
- b. Self-righteousness
- c. Envy/Lust/Covetousness
- d. Unbelief/Doubt (Lack of faith)
- e. Disobedience

## **6. Notable Examples of Prevailing Prayers Champions**

- a. Our Master, Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ of Nazareth
- b. Elijah
- c. Hannah
- d. Jabez
- e. Joshua
- f. Anna
- g. The Church in Acts
- h. Sampson
- i. Jacob
- j. Paul and Silas
- k. Moses

*(\* adopted from Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible – Joshua's)*