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- Ought – (Strong's G1163) i.e. Needs, Should. It is not a requirement.
- And not to Faint - (Strong's G1573) i.e. Weak, Weary.



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18:3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

18:4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

18:5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

18:6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.

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### Our Boldness Rewarded

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Heb. 4:16

- Therefore we should never grow discouraged, but come to Him again and again, remembering that He is never weary of our coming and that He will not turn us away empty. - R5966
- With such urgent and loving invitations let no child of God hesitate to come often - R1865
- If we are submissive, our prayers will become more and more messages of thanksgiving. - R5203





What does prayer mean to whom?

Who can have their prayers heard?

What the sons of God have

Why do we pray?

For us

For Others.

For What do we pray?



# How is prayer used for our growth?

Most Growth comes by Knowledge and Trial.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness; [that] the bones [which] thou hast broken may rejoice.

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me [with thy] free spirit.

Pas 51:7-12



# In regards to the world around us, how do we pray?

And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing [them] rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; Gen 19:1

And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said,  
Judges 6:36

Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; [and] if the dew be on the fleece only, and [it be] dry upon all the earth [beside], then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said.  
Judges 6:37



# World Leaders, how do we pray for them?

We should have Sympathy for those in Authority

Prayer : God give them wisdom as he see fit.

I Tim 2:1,2

2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, [and] giving of thanks, be made for all men;

2:2 For kings, and [for] all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. .

Think of them with good. motives



### For what are we to pray?

Temporalities should be presented in a casual way. We should have the desire to subsist in such a manner as would be pleasing to the Lord and should be thankful for whatever His providence may give us--whether much or little. R5200

It has been suggested that to pray for anything which God is *willing to give* is entirely proper. **We may pray for the Holy Spirit, for more love, more gentleness, more patience, more wisdom from on High.** We may pray that all these things will work together for our good; for He has promised that this shall be. We may pray for guidance from the Lord as may be best in His sight. But we may not *tell Him what to do*; for we have no means of knowing what is His will in matters in general. R5200



# How do we know that God hears our prayers?

Experiences

Trials

But good things also.

Increase in knowledge

Better armor

## EXPECT ANSWERS



### Instant in prayer

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

Rom 12:12

Rejoice evermore.

Pray without ceasing.

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1 Thess 5:16-18

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Matt 27:46



If God knows what we need, why pray?





If we do not want to pray, what does that tell us?



The Lord's prayer in the Garden and on the Cross



# Summary...



May the Lord add his blessing  
to any truth spoken here today.