

*Prevailing
Prayer: A
Labor of
Love*

1 Samuel 1; Joel
1:12, 28-32



Jesus said, in one of His only specific requests to His disciples. “Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send workers.” This means, among other things, that we are to pray that God would call and train prayer intercessors. In essence, people who would faithfully and persistently intercede for the Holy Spirit to do the necessary “soil preparation” in an unbeliever’s life and to further God’s kingdom. Jesus here and elsewhere talked about prevailing prayer. What is prevailing prayer?

Someone has written.

It (prevailing prayer) is prayer that pushed right through all the difficulties and obstacles, drives back all the opposing forces of Satan, and secures the will of God. Its purpose is to accomplish the will of God on earth.”

Perhaps the greatest Old Testament illustration of this is found in the story of Hannah. From her story we learn these specific keys to prevailing prayer.



I. Prevailing prayer is often preceded by feelings of desperation.

II. Prevailing prayer often produces pain and acts of sacrifice.





III. Prevailing prayer often prepares the way for God's will to be done.

