

## Prayer-Part Five-Key Principles

The book of James has some things to say about prayer:

James 1:5-8 – We must have unwavering faith when we ask God, believing that he is hearing us and has the power to grant our request, or meet our need. 6) But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. That man should not expect to receive from the Lord..

James 4:6-10 – We approach God humbly, submitting ourselves to him, accountable to him, allowing us to draw closer to him (which is our ultimate goal, communion with him)

James 4:3 – We should have the right motives when we pray. We should be praying according to the Spirit of God and his will. We will ask, but not AMISS.

James 4:15 - We are always conscious of the Lord's will: We say, "if the Lord wills....."

I John 5:14,15 – AND THIS IS THE CONFIDENCE THAT WE HAVE IN HIM, THAT, IF WE ASK ANY THING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, HE HEARETH US; AND IF WE KNOW THAT HE HEAR US, WHATSOEVER WE ASK, WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE THE PETITIONS THAT WE DESIRED OF HIM.

John 14:13,14 – AND WHATSOEVER YE SHALL ASK IN MY NAME, THAT WILL I DO, THAT THE FATHER MAY BE GLORIFIED IN THE SON. IF YE SHALL ASK ANY THING IN MY NAME, I WILL DO IT

John 15:7 – IF YE ABIDE IN ME, AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU, YE SHALL ASK WHAT YE WILL, AND IT SHALL BE DONE UNTO YOU.

And we always make sure nothing is hindering God from hearing us. Ps. 66:18 – If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear.

James tells of the power of prayer, and shows that any righteous person, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb and submitted to the Spirit and Word of God, who believes the Lord and prays to him, can expect to see miraculous things happen as a result of their effectual, fervent prayer.

James 5:13-18 – first prayer and praise should be a part of our everyday lives. Especially pray in sickness and weakness, and praise in times of triumph. Call for the elders to pray (and encourage with refreshing oil of the spirit). And we should pray for one another. Have those in your life in whom you can confide and to whom you can confess; someone that will hold you accountable, who will pray with you.

5:16 (b) The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

He can see miracles just like Elijah saw miracles as a result of prayer.