

## Luke 18:1-17 Prayers That Get Results

Prayer is essential in the life of a Believer. Prayer is how we communicate in our Supernatural relationship with our Heavenly Father.

Do you ever wonder if your prayers are effective?  
Are you getting the kind of results you want when you pray?  
Do you pray for results?  
Do you ever wonder if your prayers are being heard?  
Do you sometimes feel your prayers are not working?

You are not alone.

In this portion of Luke, Yeshua tells two parables and shares a life lesson to inspire His Disciples and us on the importance of an active, unrelenting prayer life that gets results.

In life, we will face many challenges, disappointments, obstacles, problems, resistance, trouble, etc. We get through one thing only to face another. We overcome one obstacle only to be confronted with another.

Job's life lessons teach us:

Job 14:1 Man *that is* born of a woman *is* of few days, and full of trouble.

We can argue and plead our case with man or with YeHoVaH.

Job 13:3 Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

### We must wait till our change comes!

Job 14:14 If a man die, shall he live *again*? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

Lk 18:1 And he **spake a parable** unto them *to this end*, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Parable – 3850 παραβολή parable {par-ab-ol-ay'}

**Meaning:** 1) a placing of one thing by the side of another, juxtaposition, as of ships in battle 2) metaph. 2a) a comparing, comparison of one thing with another, likeness, similitude 2b) **an example by which a doctrine or precept is illustrated** 2c) a narrative, **fictitious** but agreeable to the laws and usages of human life, by which either the duties of men or the things of God, particularly the nature and history of God's kingdom are **figuratively** portrayed 2d) a parable: an earthly story with a heavenly meaning 3) a pithy and instructive saying, involving some likeness or comparison and having preceptive or admonitory force 3a) an aphorism, a maxim 4) a proverb 5) an act by which one exposes himself or his possessions to danger, a venture, a risk

**Usage:** AV - parable 46, figure 2, comparison 1, proverb 1; 50

Preaching the parable puts the parable as the Lesson and the Lesson secondary. This makes the Lesson of less importance.

The purpose of the parable was to emphasize the need for men to **always pray and not faint**.

Faint – 1573 **ἐκκακέω** ekkakeo {ek-kak-eh'-o} or **ἐγκακέω** egkakeo {eng-kak-eh'-o}

**Meaning:** 1) to be utterly spiritless, to be wearied out, exhausted

**Usage:** AV - faint 4, be weary 2; 6

The enemy tries to wear us out.

Da 7:25 And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

When we pray always, we keep the focus on YeHoVaH as our source. When we give up on praying, we lose focus of YeHoVaH as our source; and our problems, our needs, and others become our focus.

The Lesson is about praying to YeHoVaH always, in all circumstances, for all things. YeHoVaH will always be there to hear you when you call on Him and will render righteous judgment. **Therefore, pray without ceasing.**

Lk 18:2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which **feared not God**, neither regarded man:

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

The woman pleaded her case before a man who had no regard for her or her issues.

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

The woman was persistent and would not faint or give up until she got justice.

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

Weary – 5299 **ὑπωπιάζω** hupopiazō {hoop-o-pee-ad'-zo}

**Meaning:** 1) to beat black and blue, to smite so as to cause bruises and livid spots 1a) like a boxer one buffets his body, handle it roughly, discipline by hardships 2) metaph. 2a) to give one intolerable annoyance 2a1) beat one out, wear one out 2b) by entreaties

**Usage:** AV - weary 1, keep under 1; 2

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

The unjust judge felt the woman troubled him and said the woman's continual coming wearied him.

Yeshua is saying sometimes we have to trouble YeHoVaH with our prayers. We must pray and pray and pray until YeHoVaH answer us.

**Sometimes, He answers quickly. Other times, He waits to answer us.**

Lk 18:7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

- Some people give up too easy. They pray, don't see results in their time frame, and give up.
- Some people think YeHoVaH doesn't want to be bothered.

- Some people confuse repetition in prayer to repetitious praying.
- Some people have been taught you pray only once and anything beyond that is a lack of faith.

Yeshua is saying you **pray until you get results**.

Lk 18:8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

Yeshua spoke another parable.

Lk 18:9 And he **spake this parable** unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

The parable highlighted one type of man who:

- Trusted in themselves that they were righteous
- Despised others

Lk 18:10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

Yeshua spoke of two types of people on total opposite ends of the spectrum. In the parable, He revealed how those two individuals saw themselves in their own eyes.

The religious man was haughty and exalted himself.

The publican was humble.

Lk 18:11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men *are*, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

Lk 18:12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

Lk 18:13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

Lk 18:14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

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Lk 18:15 And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when *his* disciples saw *it*, they rebuked them.

Lk 18:16 But Yeshua called them *unto him*, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

Lk 18:17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

Sometimes, people who look like they have a relationship with Yeshua in YeHoVaH can be a hindrance to you in your walk, if you let them.

Don't allow offences to turn you away from YeHoVaH.

Don't let anyone or anything stand between you and YeHoVaH.

Ro 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Ro 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Messiah Yeshua our Lord.

Prayers that get results are **persistent**.

Prayers that get results are **humble**.

Prayers that get results are always **directed to our Father**.

Lk 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

Lk 11:2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

**Prayers that get results require faith and forgiveness.**

Mk 11: 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Mk 11: 25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Mk 11:26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

**YeHoVaH answers the Prayers of those that keep His Law/Commandments.**

1Jn 3:21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, *then* have we confidence toward God.

1Jn 3:22 **And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him,** because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

- Prayer is YeHoVaH's **supernatural communication**.
- Prayer is **communion** and **fellowship** with YeHoVaH.
- Prayer is **communication** with YeHoVaH.
- Prayer is **spiritual warfare**.
- Prayer is a **weapon**.
- Prayer is part of our **armor**.

Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

Eph 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

**Personal Prayer is private.**

Mt 6:5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Mt 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Mt 6:7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Mt 6:8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

## Prayers that get results are direct.

Phil 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Phil 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Messiah Yeshua.

Prayer can be public when praying together with others in agreement.

Sins must be atoned for.

Messiah has atoned for our sins, but we must confess them.

Ro 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Messiah died for us.

Ro 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Ro 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Ro 5:11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Yeshua Messiah, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Jas 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

Jas 5:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Jas 5:16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Fault – **3900 παράπτωμα** paraptoma {par-ap'-to-mah}

**Meaning:** 1) to fall beside or near something 2) a lapse or deviation from truth and uprightness 2a) a sin, misdeed

**Usage:** AV - trespass 9, offence 7, sin 3, fall 2, fault 2; 23

## Hindrances to prayer

The greatest hindrance to prayers is sin.

Isa 59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

Isa 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.

1Pe 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

## Forgive

Mt 6:14 For if you Forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also Forgive you.

**We must walk in truth.**

Jn 8:30 As he spake these words, many believed on him.

Jn 8:31 Then said Yeshua to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;

Jn 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.