

Our prayers and God's will

“Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim ... And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed ... and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.” (Ex. 17:8, 10-13). Prayer, on top of the mountain away from the noise of the battlefield, resolved the battle. Go into your closet as the Lord said, “And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites” (Matt.6:5) to be praised by people, but, “when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door,” (Matt.6:6) not concerned with people's opinion. Like Moses, seek fellowship with the Lord on the mountain; the Lord will definitely reward you and answer your prayer.

As long as Moses held up his hands, Joshua prevailed. This is an important revelation; the Lord binds his actions to our faith in prayer. He wants his people to prevail, but this will happen only if there are lifted up hands in prayer. Moses overcame hindrances and kept his hands held up until the setting of the sun being assisted by Aaron and Hur.

Prayer does not change God's will but fulfills it. The Lord's will remains unfulfilled in one's life as long as he does not seek the Lord in faith.

Satan tries to hinder prayer as he knows that this is the way to fulfilling God's will, in all areas including healing, success, and fruitfulness. We do not pray only to supply our needs but to have the will of God, revealed through His Word or through an inner burden, fulfilled.

We should hold ourselves responsible for Satan's taking advantage of us, and the lack of the Lord's blessings in our lives

“So they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities *are now fortified and inhabited*’ (Ezekiel 36:35). These are great promises for the people of God: the things that Satan succeeded in destroying will be built and will not be ruined again. However, prayer is a must to see these promises fulfilled. “Thus says the Lord God: ‘I will also let the house of Israel inquire of Me to do this for them: I will increase their men like a flock.’”(Ezekiel 36:37). The Lord will bind his work to our prayer. Therefore our lack of prayer impedes the fulfillment of God's will and gives Satan the chance to move freely.

Daniel kept praying for three weeks to see the obstacles of Satan removed and the will of God fulfilled. Paul, also prayed three times to have the thorn removed. In like manner, keep praying until different battles in your life are resolved; for Satan is arrogant and will try to hamper the fulfillment of God's will.

"I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent, and give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.” (Isaiah 62:6,7). If you find that someone is walking out of God's will or is allowing small foxes to damage his life. If you feel responsible for that person, pray continually for the Lord to intervene as mere talking with the person will not change him.

Unceasing prayer stops Satan with his opposing powers and fulfills God's will. As the Lord has directly linked fulfilling his will with the prayers of his people. So, do not keep silent and give Him (the Lord) no rest until He completely finishes his work.

Effective prayer will come from one who has set his heart against sin and is totally submissive to the Lord's dealings, being washed by the precious blood of Jesus, and having a true relationship with the Lord!

“Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, saying: There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’ ” (Luke 18:1-3). The words of the parable explain that this woman has an enemy that is continuously working against her. She seeks to stop his activity and restore her rights. Peter the apostle wrote that Satan walks about seeking whom he may devour. The Lord in this parable is showing us that just as this widow kept coming to the judge continuously seeking justice and in the end was victorious, so the Lord wants us to persist in our prayers.

The judge in our case is our Lord who loves us and judges fairly between us and our enemy. If the widow prevailed in the end with the unjust judge how much more will our insistence work with our heavenly father who loves us “I tell you that He will avenge them speedily” (Luke 18:8). Therefore persist in prayer and stand against your enemy who strives to hinder your success, ministry, and peace.

Prayer fulfills the will of God