

God Answers

1 Kings 18:41-46



A Man Just like Us

Understanding and Applying the Promises of God

- God is not capable of lying.
- Is the promise personal or universal?



“³March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. ⁴Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. ⁵When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in.”

Joshua 6:3-5



“¹¹As Scripture says, ‘Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.’

¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,
¹³for, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’”

Romans 10:11-13



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- Is the promise conditional or unconditional?



“²⁰Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. ²¹‘What is it you want?’ he asked. She said, ‘Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom.’ ²²‘You don’t know what you are asking,’ Jesus said to them.

‘Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?’

‘We can,’ they answered.”

Matthew 21:20-22



“¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God;
let me tell you what he has done for me.
¹⁷ I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise
was on my tongue. ¹⁸ **If I had cherished sin in
my heart, the Lord would not have listened.**”

Psalm 66:16-18



“For the grace of God
has appeared
that offers salvation
to all people.”

Titus 2:11



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- Is the promise conditional or unconditional?
- All of God's promises will be fulfilled.



Truth about My Prayers

My prayers reflect my
relationship with God
and belief in His Promises.



“¹²We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised. ¹³When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, ¹⁴saying, ‘I will surely bless you and give you many descendants.’ ¹⁵And so after waiting patiently, **Abraham received what was promised.**”

Hebrews 6:12-15





1.

Be intentional in the where and when.

“⁴¹ And Elijah said to Ahab, ‘Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain.’ ⁴²So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but **Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees.**”

**How do I learn to
earnestly pray?**

1 Kings 18:41-42



2.

Be humble in my motivation.

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3.

Be persistent in the frequency.

“⁴³‘Go and look toward the sea,’ he told his servant. And he went up and looked. ‘There is nothing there,’ he said. Seven times Elijah said, ‘Go back.’ ⁴⁴The seventh time the servant reported, ‘A cloud as small as a man’s hand is rising from the sea....’”

How do I learn to earnestly pray?

1 Kings 18:43-44



4.

Be ready to respond.

“⁴⁴...So Elijah said, “Go and tell Ahab, ‘Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.’ ” ⁴⁵Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain came on and Ahab rode off to Jezreel. ⁴⁶The power of the LORD came on Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel..”

How do I learn to earnestly pray?

1 Kings 18:44-46