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PRAYER.

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IT IS INDEED A GREAT PRIVILIGE THAT ONE MAY COME TO THE RULER OF THE UNIVERSE AND MAKE THEIR WISHES KNOWN. BUT THE QUESTION ARISES WILL EVERY ONES PRAYER BE HEARD REGARDLESS OF THEIR LIFE? AND WILL ALL OUR REQUESTS BE GRANTED REGARDLESS OF THEIR CONDITION; OR IS THE PROMISE TO ANSWER PRAYER CONDITIONAL?

WILL GOD HEAR THE DISOBEDIENT AND SINNERS?
GOD HEARETH NOT SINNERS. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -ST. JNO. 9:31.
"IF I REGARD INIQUITY IN MY HEART, THE LORD WILL NOT HEAR ME" PS. 66:18.
"HE THAT TURNETH AWAY HIS EAR FROM HEARING THE LAW,
EVEN HIS PRAYER SHALL BE AN ABOMINATION" - - - - - - - - -PROV. 28:9.
"THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL".--PS. 34:16.

SINCE WE SEE GOD WILL NOT HEAR SINNERS; THOSE WHO REGARD INIQUITY IN THEIR HEART; THOSE WHO TURN AWAY THEIR EARS FROM HEARING THE LAW, AND DO EVIL; IS THERE ANYTHING HE MIGHT PRAY FOR IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT BE MADE CLEAN AND RIGHTEOUS, SO THE LORD WILL HEAR HIM? LET THE LORD ANSWER.
NOT FOR GOD TO LOVE HIM; HE ALREADY DOES THAT. - - - - - -ST. JNO. 3:16.
NOT FOR LIGHT; THE ENTRANCE OF THE WORD GIVES LIGHT. - - -PS. 119:130.
NOT FOR THE SPIRIT; THE WORLD CANNOT RECIEVE IT. - - - -ST. JNO. 14:16-17.
NOT FOR GRACE; IT HAS APPEARED TO ALL MEN. - - - - - - -TIT. 2:11.
NOT FOR UNDERSTANDING; GOD'S WORD GIVES UNDERSTANDING. PS. 119:130.
NOT FOR GOD TO BE RECONCILED TO HIM; FOR WE ARE COMMANDED TO BE RECONCILED TO GOD. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -1 COR. 5:20.
NOT FOR CONVERSION; THE LAW OF THE LORD DOES THAT. - -PS. 19:7.
NOT FOR PARDON INDEPENDANT OF ACTION; FOR IF WE WILL FORSAKE OUR WAY AND RETURN UNTO THE LORD, HE WILL PARDON. IS. 55:7.
NOT FOR FAITH; IT COMES BY HEARING THE WORD THE LORD. - -ROM. 10:17.
NOT FOR POWER TO SAVE HIM; FOR THE GOSPEL IS THAT POWER. ROM. 1:16.
NOT FOR GOD TO PURIFY HIS HEART; IT IS PURIFIED BY FAITH. ACTS 15:8.
NOT FOR SALVATION THE ANGEL TOLD CORNELIUS, PETER WAS THE ONE, "WHO SHALL TELL THE WORDS, WHEREBY THOU AND ALL THY HOUSE SHALL BE SAVED". ACTS 11:14.
THE ENGRAFTED WORD SAVES OUR SOULS. - - - - - - - - - - - - JAS. 1:21.
"HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED". - - -MARK 16:16.
NOT FOR THE NEW BIRTH; FOR PETER SHOWS IN 1 PETER 1:22; THAT IN "PURIFYING OUR SOULS IN OBEYING THE TRUTH" WE ARE BEING BORN AGAIN, NOT OF CORRUPTABLE SEED BUT BY INCORRUPTABLE; BY THE WORD OF GOD WHICH LIVETH AND ABIDETH FOREVER; AS SHOWN IN THE 23 RD VERSE. 1 PET. 1:22-23.
NOT FOR SANCTIFICATION; WE ARE SANCTIFIED THRO THE TRUTH. ST. JNO. 17:17.
NOT FOR GOD TO BE WILLING TO SAVE HIM; HE IS ALREADY WILLING."---NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH, BUT THAT ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE". -2 PET. 3:9.
GOD "HAS NO PLEASURE IN THE DEATH OF HIM THAT DIETH". EZEK. 18:32.
NOT FOR MERCY; FOR, "HE WHO CONFESSES HIS SINS AND FORSAKES THEM SHALL HAVE MERCY". -PROV. 28:13.
NOT FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS; FOR GOD'S COMMAND IS, "REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS". ACTS 2:38.
NOT FOR REPENTANCE; FOR GOD COMMANDS ALL MEN EVERYWHERE TO REPENT. -ACTS 17:30.
NOT TO BE MADE CLEAN; WE ARE MADE CLEAN THROUGH THE WORD SPOKEN BY JESUS. -ST. JNO. 15:3.
NOT TO PURIFY HIS SOUL; IT IS PURIFIED BY OBEYING THE TRUTH. 1 PET. 1:22.
NOT FOR FREEDOM FROM SIN; WE ARE MADE FREE FROM SIN BY OBEYING FROM THE HEART THAT FORM OF DOCTRINE DELIVERED UNTO US. - - -ROM. 6:17-18.

NOT FOR GOD TO ACCEPT HIM;FOR,"IN EVERY NATION HE THAT FEARETH GOD AND WORKETH RIGHTEOUSNESS IS ACCEPTED WITH HIM".ACTS 10;35.
NOT FOR RELIGION;WE DO THAT - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -JAS.1:27.

BUT SAYS ONE,A PREACHER TOLD ME I COULD "PRAY THROUGH";AND THAT IS CONTRADICTORY TO ALL THOSE SCRIPTURES ABOVE.ISN'T THERE A STATEMENT SOMEWHERE,OR AN EXAMPLE WHERE SOME ONE "PRAYED THROUGH TO VICTORY1?
THIS IS INDEED SAD TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE DEPENDING ON OBTAINING SALVATION ,IN A WAY GOD NEVER PROMISED IT.

AMONG THE CONVERSIONS RECORDED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT; TWO MEN ARE OUTSTANDING AS MEN WHO PRAYED. LET US EXAMINE THEIR CASES.

IN ACTS 10:1-2;WE SEE CORNELIUS WAS AN EXCEPTIONAL CHARECTAR;AND IT IS EXPRESSLY STATED THAT HE PRAYED TO GOD ALWAYS.
READ THE THIRD VERSE AND YOU WILL SEE THAT AN ANGLE APPEARED TO HIM.
NO DEAR FRIEND,NOT TO "SPEAK PEACE TO HIS SOUL1;BUT TO TELL HIM SOMETHING TO DO.
5 AND 6 TH VERSES." AND NOW SEND MEN TO JOPPA AND CALL FOR ONE SIMON; WHOSE SURNAME IS PETER; HE LODGETH WITH ONE SIMON A TANNER,WHOSE HOUSE IS BY THE SEA SIDE;HE WILL TELL THEE WHAT THOU OUGHTEST TO DO".
CORNELIUS UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME COMMANDS TO BE OBEYED;FOR IN THE 33 RD VERSE HE SAYS; "----NOW THEREFORE ARE WE ALL PRESENT HERE BEFORE GOD,TO HEAR ALL THINGS COMMANDED THEE OF GOD".
IN ACTS 11:14;WHERE PETER WAS REHEARSING THE CONVERSION OF CORNELIUS, HE QUOTED THE MEN WHO WERE SENT FROM CORNELIUS,FOR HIM;AS SAYING; "--WHO SHALL TELL THEE WORDS,WHEREBY THOU AND ALL THY HOUSE SHALL BE SAVED".
SO WE SEE THIS PRAYING MAN HAD NOT "PRAYED THROUGH",NEITHER HAD THE "LORD SPOKEN PEACE TO HIS SOUL";BUT ON THE CONTRARY HE HAD HIM TO SEND FOR PETER,TO TELL HIM HOW TO OBTAIN THAT GREAT SALVATION.
NOW BACK TO THE 10 TH CHAPTER AND WE SEE PETER BEGINS TO PREACH TO THEM.
IN THE 44 TH VERSE WE ARE TOLD THAT THE HOLY GHOST FELL ON ALL OF THEM THAT HEARD THE WORD.
NOTE,THAT IN THE 47 TH VERSE,PETER TOOKTHIS RECEPTION OF THE HOLY GHOST BY THE GENTILES,AS EVIDENCE TO ALL MEN THAT THE GENTILES WEREX ACCEPTABLE,AND SHOULD BE BAPTIZED. HEAR HIM IN THIS 47 TH VERSE.
" CAN ANY MAN FORBID WATER THAT THESE SHOULD NOT BE BAPTIZED,WHICH HAVE RECIEVED THE HOLY GHOST AS WELL AS WE"?
ACTS 11:17;AND ACTS 15:7-8; BEARS OUT THIS SAME THOUGHT.
BUT WHAT DID PETER COMMAND THESE PENITENT BELIEVERS TO DO?DID HE HAVE THEM TO COME TO THE ALTER AND "PRAY THROUGH"?
NO INDEED:BUT LIKE JESUS COMMANDED IN MARK 16:15-16;LIKE PETER COMMANDED THEC PENTECOSTIANS; ACTS 2:38;AND IN SHORT ALL CONVERSIONS IN THE ACTS:THEY WERE COMMANDED TO "BE BAPTIZED". ACTS 10:48.

IN THE 9 TH CHAPTER OF ACTS WE HAVE AN ACCOUNT OF THE CONVERSION OF THE APOSTLE PAUL;RECAPITULATED IN THE 22 ND CHAPTER.
ACTS 9:1-5;WE SEE HIM STRICKEN DOWN.
ACTS 9:6 WE SEE HIM ASKING WHAT HE MUST DO. THE ANSWER WAS;"ARISE,AND GO INTO THE CITY,AND IT SHALL BE TOLD THEE WHAT THOU MUST DO".ACTS 9:6.
STILL,THERE WAS NO "PEACE SPOKEN TO PAUL'S SOUL";BUT WAS TOLD THERE WERE THINGS HE "MUST DO". 7 TO 9 VERSES WE SEE HIM IN DEMASCUS NEITHER EATING NOR DRINKING. 10-11 VERSES WE SEE THE LORD APPEARING TO ANANIAS TO SEND HIM TOO PAUL;AND IN THIS VERSE WE LEARN PAUL WAS PRAYING.
12-16 VERSES SHOWS THE PERSUASION NESCESSARY TO GET ANANIAS TO GO TO PAUL. 17-18 VERSES WE SEE HIS CONVERSION COMPLETED.AND HOW DID IT END?
DID ANANIAS TELL HIM TO PRAY ON AND GOD WOULD "SPEAK PEACE TO HIS SOUL"?
NO,BROTHER,HE DID NOT.

AFTER TELLING OF GOD'S PURPOSE IN SENDING HIM TO PAUL; THE RECORD SAYS; "--AND HE RECIEVED HIS SIGHT FORTHWITH, AND AROSE, AND WAS BAPTIZED".

THE 22 ND CHAPTER AND THE 16 TH VERSE GIVES A MORE COMPLETE ACCOUNT OF HIS BAPTISM. HEAR IT; "AND NOW WHY TARRIEST THOU? NOTICE FRIENDS, PAUL WAS PRAYING; HE WASN'T TOLD TO PRAY ON, NO; BUT HE WAS ASK A QUESTION. WHY TARRIEST THOU? (WHAT ARE YOU WAITING ON)?

""ARISE, AND BE BAPTIZED , AND WASH AWAY THY SINS, CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD". ACTS 22:16.

SO WE SEE, HIS GETTING VICTORY OVER HIS SINS, WAS NOT "BY PRAYING THRO"; BUT BY OBEYING THE GOSPEL , WHICH WAS COMPLETED IN BAPTISM , AT WHICH TIME ANANIAS SAID HIS SINS WERE "WASHED AWAY". ACTS 22:16.

NOW, FRIEND, WHEN A PREACHER TELLS YOU TO "PRAY THROUGH", FIND OUT HOW LONG HE HAS HAD A BIBLE AND IF HE READS IT; AND HAVE HIM TO NOTE THE PASSAGE WHERE SINNERS WERE COMMANDED TO "PRAY THROUGH, AND SEND IT TO ME.

NOW, THE QUESTION COMES TO US; WHO WILL GOD HEAR?

THOSE WHO KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS AND DO THOSE THINGS THAT ARE PLEASING IN HIS SIGHT. 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5JAS.3:22.

MEN WHO CAN LIFT UP HOLY HANDS WITHOUT WRATH AND DOUBTING. 1 TIM.2:8.

HE WILL HEAR THE RIGHTEOUS. 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 51 PET. 3:12.

HE WILL HEAR THOSE WHO WORSHIP HIM. 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 55ST.JNO.9:31.

HE WILL HEAR THE HUMBLE. 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 PS.9:12.

THOSE WHO PRAY EARNESTLY. 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 JAS.5:17.

THUS WE SEE, "IF WE KEEP GOD'S COMMANDMENTS AND DO THOSE THINGS THAT ARE PLEASING IN HIS SIGHT"; "LIFT UP HOLY HANDS WITHOUT WRATH OR DOUBTING"; IF "WE ARE RIGHTEOUS"; AND WORSHIP HIM; IF WE ARE HUMBLE, AND PRAY EARNESTLY; WE HAVE THE PROMISE GOD WILL HEAR US.

DEAR FRIENDS, NO WHERE ARE WE AUTHORIZED TO PRAY TO THE SAINTS OR TO THE VIRGIN MARY.

WE MUST PRAY TO GOD, ST.JNO.16:23; COL 3:17; EPH.3:14-15; LK.18:7-8.

WE MUST ASK IN CHRIST'S NAME.--ST.JNO.14:13-14; 16:23-24; COL.3:17.

WE MUST PRAY IN FAITH.------MATTH.21:22; JAS.1:5-6.

WE MUST PRAY IN HUMILITY.------ - ----------LUKE 18:9-14.

WE MUST FORGIVE WHEN WE PRAY. 55 5 5 5 55MATTH.6:9-15; MATTH.18:23-35.

WE MUST PRAY CONSTANTLY. 5 5 5 LUKE 18:1-8; 1 THES.5:17; EPH.5:18.

WE MUST PRAY ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL. 1 JNO.3:22; 1 JNO.5:14-15.

WE MUST NOT PRAY TO CONSUME IT ON OUR LUSTS. 5 5 5 5 5 5JAS.4:3.

PAUL MADE MENTION OF THE ROMAN BRETHREN IN HIS PRAYER 5 5 5 ROM.1:9.

HE PRAYED FOR A PROSPEROUS JOURNEY. ROM.1:10.

HE PRAYED FOR HE SALVATION OF ISRAEL. 5ROM.10:1.

HE ASK THE PRAYERS OF THE ROMAN BRETHREN. 5ROM.15:30.

"THAT I MAY BE DELIVERED FROM THEM THAT DO NOT BELIEVE IN JUDEA: AND THAT MY SERVICE I HAVE FOR JERUSELAM MAY BE ACCEPTED OF THE SAINTS; THAT I MAY COME UNTO YOU WITH JOY BY THE WILL OF GOD, AND MAY WITH YOU BE REFRESHED". ROM.15:30-35.

THE EPHESIANS WERE TO PRAY FOR ALL MEN EVERYWHERE. 4 5 5EPH.6:18.

THEY WERE ASK TO PRAY FOR PAUL. EPH.6:19-20.

PAUL PRAYED FOR THE COLLOSSIAN BRETHREN.----------COL.1:9-10.

PAUL COMMANDED THAT WE PRAY FOR ALL MEN EVERYWHERE.--------1 TIM.2:1-2.

JESUS PRAYED AT HIS BAPTISM. - - - - - - --- -- --- - - LUKE 3:2.

HE PRAYED IN THE MORNING IN A SOLATARY PLACE. - - - - - - -MARK 1:35.

HE PRAYED IN THE EVENING. - - - - - - - - - -- - - - -MATTH.14:23.

HE PRAYED ALL NIGHT. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -- - -LUKE 6:12.

HE PRAYED BEFORE PREACHING. - - - - - - - - - - - -- - -MARK 1:36-38.

HE PRAYED BEFORE CHOOSING HIS APOSTLES. - - - - - - - LUKE 6:12-16.

BEFORE FEEDING THE FOUR THOUSAND. - - - - - - - - - -- -MATTH.15:30-39.

HE PRAYED BEFORE WALKING ON THE SEA. - - - - - - - - MATTH.14;24-33.
HE PRAYED AT MEAL TIME. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - LUKE 24:30.
AFTER A PUBLIC DAY. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -MARK.12:34.
HE PRAYED APART. -LUKE 9:18.
HE PRAYED AUDIBLY. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - LUKE 11:1.
HE PRAYED FOR HIS ENEMIES. - - - - - - - - - - - - - -LUKE.23:34.
HE PRAYED FOR PETER. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - LUKE 22:31-32.
HE PRAYED FOR HIS APOSTLES AND ALL THAT BELIEVE THRO THEIR WORD.JNO. 17:15-24.
HE PRAYED IN THE WILDERNESS. - - - - - - - - - - - - - LUKE 5:16.
AT THE TRANSFIGURATION. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -LK.9:28-29.
AT THE TOMB OF LASERUS. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -ST.JNO.11:42.
JESUS PRAYED IN THE PROSPECT OF DEATH. - - - - - - - - - -ST.JNO.12;27-28
HE PRAYED AT GETHSEMANE. - - - - - - -MATTH.26:36-44;MK.14:32-39.
HE PRAYED ON THE CROSS. - - - - - -MATTH.27:46; LUKE 23:46.

BRETHREN,WHAT A STOREHOUSE OF WEALTH COMES FROM OUR HEAVENLY FATHER,IN ANSWER TO PRAYER FROM HIS CHILDREN.
LET US ALL LIVE THE LIFE OF A CHILD OF GOD AND EXERCISE THIS WONDERFUL PRIVILIGE-PRAYER,

YOURS IN CHRIST.
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HAVING ALREADY WRITTEN ON THE SONG SERVICE AND PRAYER,I EXPECT TO TAKE UP THE OTHER THREE ACTIVITIES USUALLY ENGAGED IN BY THE CHURCH OF GOD ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK:VIZ:THE CONTRABUTION,THE COMMUNION SERVICE, AND TEACHING.
DUE TO DEPARTURE OF SOME OF OUR BRETHREN FROM THE ANCIENT PATHS:IT WIL WILL TAKE CONCIDERABLE TIME ON THE COMMUNION SERVICE AND THE TEACHING SERVICES.HOWEVER WE TRUST ALL WILL FOLLOW US CLOSELY IN ALL OUR EFFORTS AND CALL OUR ATTENTION TO ANY ERRORS WE MIGHT MAKE.
IF GOD'S PEOPLE WOULD ONLY READ ALL THEIR PRACTICE AS WE CLAIM TO DO; OUR PREACHING WOULD HAVE A FAR GREATER EFFECT ON OTHERS.

YOURS FOR THE TRUTH,
J.S.BEDINGFIELD.