

The Foundations of Prayer

Overview: In Hosea 4:6, God tells us that His people perish for a lack of knowledge. Now that we, His people, are beginning to understand our Salvation Package and its benefits, it is time to begin to study how to access those benefits.

A. God's Way of Thinking.

Mal 3:6 For I [am] the LORD, I change not;

Luk 21:33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: my words shall not pass away.

Mar 10:27 for with God all things are possible.

God can do anything but break His Word.

Act 10:34 God is no respecter of persons (i.e., He has no favorites).

B. God's Promises on Prayers.

Isa 43:26 Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper [in the thing] whereto I sent it.

Isa 46:11 yea, I have spoken [it], I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed [it], I will also do it.

Jer 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

C. The Importance of Faith.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God:

Heb 11:6 But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Heb 6:12 through faith and patience, (*you*) inherit the promises.

Jam 5:15 and the prayer of faith shall save the sick.

D. What Faith is.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Heb 11:1 (AMPC) Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

Rom 12:2 Mental assent is renewing your mind by hearing and believing.

Mark 11:23 Faith is believing in your heart. This means you hear it, you believe it and you act on it. (John 8:32 calls this "continuing in the Word".)