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The Prayer of Faith

Purpose: To see the importance of faith. God sees our faith and then ministers to the needs. To see how to pray with power for the sick.

Key Verse: (James 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.**

Faith

Faith means conviction of religious truth, reliance upon Christ, stability or expectation. Faith should be a part of every Spirit filled Christian.

Faith pleases God. (Hebrews 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.**

The just live by faith. (Romans 1:17) **For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.**

Reliance upon Christ. Righteousness is revealed in the gospel of Christ, for this is the power of God unto salvation, Romans 1:16.

One way to increase our faith, is to be faithful unto God. (Job 17:9) **The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.**

We live by one righteous act after another. (Psalm 84:7) **“They go from strength to strength...”**

Being firm in our faith. Having faith in the promises of God.

Having perfect faith. Putting our faith into action, James 2:17-26.

The Prayer of Faith

The prayer of faith shall save the sick, James 5:14-15. This is done by placing our trust in the Lord Jesus. We have faith in the power of God to save our soul, Colossians 2:12. By the same faith (reliance in Christ) we receive the power of God to heal us.

Faith for Healing

Faith must come from at least one of these:

Faith coming from the one who is sick. The woman healed by touching Christ's garment, Matthew 9:20-22.

Faith coming from a friend or family member who petitions the Lord. The raising of Jairus' daughter, Matthew 9:18-25.

Faith coming from the one praying for the sick. God ordained the laying on of hands. Jesus healed many by the laying on of His hands, Luke 4:40. Paul laid his hands on a man and prayed for his healing, Acts 28:8. Jesus told His disciples to lay hands on the sick for their healing, Mark 16:18.

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Praying With Power

Before praying for the sick, read to them a passage from the Word of God. This will help build their faith, (Romans 10:17) *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Instruct the sick to pray with you, or meditate on that scripture while you are praying. (Psalm 19:14) *Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.* Through the Word of God we receive both faith and strength.

When praying for the sick, claim the promises of God, use those scriptures in your prayers. (Hebrews 4:12, NKJV) *“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword...”*

When praying, magnify the Lord. Acknowledge the greatness and power of God in your prayers. Psalm 93 is a great passage to use, or something like it in your own words. Remember, He inhabits the praises of His people. And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Above all, pray in the name of **JESUS**. When we pray, we place our trust in Christ, and expect a miracle.

Jesus said, *"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover"* (Mark 16:17-18).

Jesus said, *"If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it"* (John 14:14, study verses 12-14).

(Acts 3:6) Then Peter said, *Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.*

Conclusion

(James 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.* In the Prayer of faith there is healing for the body, soul, and spirit.