

Prayers That Resonate With God: Fire From Heaven



Scriptures

- **I Kings 3:36-39**

³⁶ At the time of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, Elijah the prophet came near and said, “O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, today let it be known that You are God in Israel and that I am Your servant and I have done all these things at Your word.

³⁷ Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that You, O LORD, are God, and *that* You have turned their heart back again.” ³⁸ Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. ³⁹ When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, “The LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is God.”

Other Scriptures

- I Kings 3:6-13
- Matt. 17:3
- Matt. 10:34

Main Points

- Some prayers carry more weight with the heart of God than others.
- By studying the prayers of those in the Bible, we can learn the type of prayers that move God’s heart.
- God wants to vindicate His children.
- Like Elijah, you too can pray for God to prove Himself.
- We need to be more concerned about standing with Jesus than getting along with other people.
- If we are not walking in wisdom, people will have a hard time receiving our witness.

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Discussion Questions

1. Take a moment to examine your prayer style and approach when you pray with others and when you pray alone. Do your prayers show forth traditional thinking and a sense of obligation, more than a fresh leading of the Holy Spirit in how and what to pray? What can you do to change this today?
2. Do your prayers accurately reflect back to God who is from the pages of the Scriptures, so that your prayers are rooted in relationship with Him? What do you know about who God is and what are some actual Scriptural ideas that you can communicate back to God? These will make your prayers step to the next level.
3. Think of people in your life with whom relationship is difficult. What are some ways that you can communicate differently with them, that will embody God to them? Seek God's leading to make some declarations that will demonstrate God in humility and power. Make sure that you have repented from foolish and unstable behavior that might be your responsibility, and rely on God to lead you anew. If new boundaries are needed with people, obey God even in these areas.
4. Pray to move God, not to impress others. What are some ways that you are seeing changes in your prayer life? Reflect on this and praise God who has brought this about.