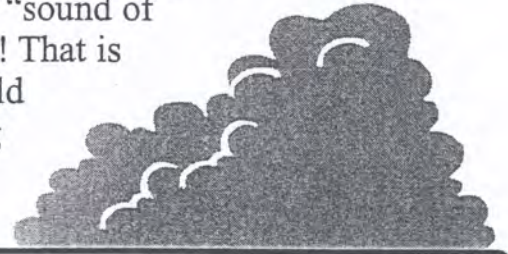


# Do You Believe?

Faith is a key ingredient if we want our prayers to be answered. In 1 Kings 18, when Elijah prayed for rain, he told the king that he heard the “sound of abundance of rain” even though there was no cloud in the sky! That is called faith; Elijah believed that what he prayed for, God would deliver. Circle the correct word in each group in the following account of the day God answered prayer for rain.



And **Elijah/Elisha** said unto **Nabob/Ahab**, Get thee up, **eat/dance** and **sing/drink**; for there is a **sound/color** of abundance of rain. So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the **top/side** of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the **grass/earth**, and put his face between his knees, And said to his **servant/wife**, Go up now, look toward the **sea/desert**. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again **seven/nine** times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little **fish/cloud** out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy **robe/chariot**, and get thee down, that the **rain/guards** stop thee not. And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was **black/white** with clouds and **thunder/wind**, and there was a **freezing/great** rain. And Ahab **rode/walked**, and went to Jezreel. And the **eye/hand** of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and **ran/marched** before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel (1 Kings 18:41-46).

# Always?!

Jesus told His disciples the parable of the unjust judge and the widow who "wouldn't take no for an answer." She knew that she was right in what she asked for, so she kept going back to the judge again and again. Jesus began this parable by telling them, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1). That means to keep praying; don't give up. The following unfinished story is from our text in Luke 18:1-8. Fill in the missing words.

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CITY  
HELP  
AGAIN  
ASKED  
HONOR  
JUDGE  
WEARY  
WIDOW  
PEOPLE  
FINALLY  
PROBLEM

In a certain \_\_\_\_\_, there was a \_\_\_\_\_ who did not \_\_\_\_\_ God or care about other \_\_\_\_\_. In that same city, there lived a \_\_\_\_\_ who had a \_\_\_\_\_. She came to the judge and asked him to \_\_\_\_\_ her, but he would \_\_\_\_\_. She \_\_\_\_\_ him over and over \_\_\_\_\_ to help her. The judge became \_\_\_\_\_ of her asking, so he \_\_\_\_\_ decided to help her.

**Have faith!**



# PRAYER



The Bible tells us we are to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Does that mean that we need to be constantly on our knees? No, of course not. So, what does it mean?

Prayer is our communication with God. We are to keep that line open to God all day. What are some ways we can do that?

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One of the reasons to keep our hearts open toward Him at all times is so that our thoughts will remain pure. Can you think of some other benefits to this?

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Besides staying in tune with the Lord throughout the day, it is necessary to spend time focused entirely on Him. List some ideas, then share with the class how a person can go about his or her daily prayer and meditation time.

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# How Do I Pray?



Text: Luke 18:1-8; 1 Kings 18:41-46

Key Verse: Luke 18:1

- 1** Of all the prayers that can be prayed, the prayer for salvation from sin is the most important. Describe the results that follow salvation.
- 2** Beside salvation, list some other things that might be obtained through prayer.
- 3** Name a Bible character who received an answer to prayer and tell what the answer was.
- 4** In our text, Jesus gave two conditions to successful prayer. What are they?
- 5** What does it mean to persevere in prayer?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_