

Prayer Inside and Outside The Assembly
Part 9 Barriers to Answered Prayer.....continued

SIN IS THE BIGGEST BARRIER TO ANSWERED PRAYER

James 5:17-20

17 Elijah was a MAN with a nature like ours, and **HE PRAYED** earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months.

18 Then **HE PRAYED** again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

19 My BRETHREN, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back,

20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

QUICK REVIEW ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PLACE;

Some passages of Scripture derive their chief importance from some remarkable words employed; others derive their chief importance from some wonderful truth revealed; while others derive their chief importance from the PLACE where we find them. EVERY passage has its own importance in this last respect. When we find a passage in its own particular PLACE, there is a Divine reason why it is there, and also why it is not in any other PLACE.

But going by what we just read, and what we saw in the last part 8, it was the prayer of the righteous MAN that is the focus and accomplishing much.

Definition of catalyst;

*'In chemistry, a **catalytic** substance or a substance with **catalytic** properties is a substance which increases the speed of a chemical reaction. ... If you describe a person or thing as having a **catalytic** effect, you mean that they cause things to happen or they increase the speed at which things happen.'*

The Deadly Consequences of Unforgiveness.

<https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/healthscience/2015/june/the-deadly-consequences-of-unforgiveness>

'Unforgiveness is classified in medical books as a disease. According to Dr. Steven Standiford, chief of surgery at the Cancer Treatment Centers of America, refusing to forgive makes people sick and keeps them that way. With that in mind, forgiveness therapy is now being used to help treat diseases, such as cancer.'

Of all cancer patients, 61 percent have forgiveness issues, and of those, more than half are severe, according to research by Dr. Michael Barry, a pastor and the author of the book, The Forgiveness Project.

"Harboring these negative emotions, this anger and hatred, creates a state of chronic anxiety," he said.

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"Chronic anxiety very predictably produces excess adrenaline and cortisol, which deplete the production of natural killer cells, which is your body's foot soldier in the fight against cancer," he explained.

Barry said the first step in learning to forgive is to realize how much we have been forgiven by God.'

James 2:26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, **so also faith without works is dead.**

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Hebrews 11:7-13

7 **By faith** Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence **PREPARED** an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

8 **By faith** Abraham, when he was called, **OBEYED by going out** to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and **he WENT OUT**, not knowing where he was going.

9 **By faith** he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise;
10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

11 **By faith** even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she CONSIDERED Him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore there was born even of one man, and him as good as dead at that, as many descendants AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN IN NUMBER, AND INNUMERABLE AS THE SAND WHICH IS BY THE SEASHORE.

13 All these DIED in faith, **WITHOUT RECEIVING** the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

Mark 11:22-26

22 And Jesus *answered saying to them, "Have faith in God.

23 Truly I say to **YOU**, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him. 24 Therefore I say to **YOU**, all things for which **YOU pray and ask**, believe that **YOU** have received them, and they will be granted **YOU**.

25 Whenever **YOU** stand praying, forgive, if **YOU** have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions. 26 [But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions."]

Matthew 5:13-48

13 “**YOU** are the salt of the earth; **BUT** if the salt has **BECOME TASTELESS**, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

14 “**YOU** are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;

15 nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

16 Let **YOUR** light shine before men IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.