

Prayers of the Righteous

“The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” James 5:16. Prayer is a mighty force. God does things in answer to prayer that he would not do otherwise.

I. Abraham Prayed with Commitment

“The angel of the Lord called..Abraham,Abraham, and he said, Here am I” Gen. 22:11

_Abraham faith had been severely tested. When he prayed with commitment to the will of God, God intervened.

_When we commit to God’s will our prayers will prevail Ro. 12:1

II. Jacob Prayed without Constraint

“As a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed” Gen. 32:28

_God told Jacob to return home, but he feared Esau. Jacob prayed with persistence and God answered him Gen. 32:26

III. Moses Prayed with Concern

“If thou wilt forgive their sin- and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written” Ex. 32:32

_Because Israel made idols, God threatened to destroy them. Moses intervened by putting his life on the line for them.

_God will hear intervening prayers for unconverted friends and loved ones.

IV. David Prayed with Contrition

“Have mercy upon me, O God....blot out my transgressions” Ps 51:1

_When David repented of his sin with humility and contrition, God forgave and restored to him the joy of his salvation.

_God will forgive; and his mercy endures forever Ps 106:1