

PRAYERS OF THE PROPHETS II

The prophets lived in trying times. Their prayers can teach us how to deal with our own days of trials. As believers we are faced with an array of problems, difficulties in new forms. Just like the prophets were always in prayer, believers need to be always in prayer. 1Thessalonians 5:17 - Pray without ceasing.

The Prayer Of A Backslidden Prophet:

Jonah 2:1- Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the fish's belly.

- a) We don't cry to the Lord until we are in distress. Vv.1
- b) God can hear us in our hour of need. Vv.2
- c) Our difficulties sometimes comes to us from God's hand. Vv.6

Psalm 89:32; 1John 3:4;

- d) When deliverance comes, we ought to give God glory for our deliverance,
and thank Him for delivering us. Vv.9. Hebrews 13:15-16;

No matter how low we sink, God answers the prayers of the truly penitent person. Psalm 51:17; Micah 7:18;

The Prayer Of A Prophet At The Crossroads:

The eyes of an entire nation were fastened upon Elijah. 1 Kings 18:36;

The name: Elijah means "My God is Jehovah". Now he had to openly challenge the prophets (450) of Baal to a contest of power. He was at the crossroads of his faith. Who was God, — Baal or Jehovah? Would fire fall in answer to Elijah's prayer?

- a) He looked to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who answered
the prayers of these patriarchs in their crises. Vv.36
- b) He prayed that the knowledge of the true God might fill his nation.
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- c) He asked for the vindication of his wards and deeds that it was done
by Jehovah's doing. Vv.36



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Then the fire of the Lord fell. Vv.38, God answered the prayer of His servant at the crossroads of his faith. God will also answer you at your crossroads.

A Prayer For Revival:

Habakkuk prayed asking God for revival, praying that He would cause His work to live again. Sometimes people leave their “first love” the church, choir, deacons, usher’s, family. Habakkuk, some six centuries before Jesus, prayed for revival, he desired to see God’s work live again.

a) Taking God’s word seriously. Vv.2

b) The direct request for revival: Revive your work in the midst of the years! Vv.2

c) An appeal for mercy — not for what we think we deserve. Vv.2

Psalm 103:10-11;

d) An acknowledgement of the great power God has over His entire creation. Vv.3-7 Psalm 24:1-2;

e) Praise to God for saving His people. Vv.13-15 — Psalm 103:1-4;

