

LET HIM PRAY

Prayer & Being Lifted Up

- I. **Being lifted up is connected to prayer-Js5:13-Is any among you AFFLICTED? (ST-Undergo hardship-W18-Strike, distress/suppress-press down-Opposite of high place) LET HIM PRAY...any merry...let him sing psalms.¹⁴Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church and LET THEM PRAY...¹⁵And THE PRAYER OF FAITH shall save the sick and THE LORD SHALL RAISE HIM UP...¹⁶Confess your faults one to another and PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER that ye may be healed. The EFFECTUAL FERVENT (active, ardent, zealous) prayer of a righteous man AVAILS MUCH (can do, have force).¹⁷Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are (TP-Human frailties...like all of us) and HE PRAYED EARNESTLY (ardent pursuit, intent, engaged, fixed attention) that it might not rain and it rained not on the earth by the space of 3 years...6 months.¹⁸And HE PRAYED AGAIN and the heaven gave rain**
- A. In a low place we are commanded to pray-Ps142:1-Maschil (psalm for instruction) of David; A PRAYER when he was in the CAVE (hole). I CRIED UNTO THE LORD...with my voice unto the Lord did I MAKE MY SUPPLICATION.²I poured out my **complaint** (talk, prayer in distress) before him; I shewed before him my trouble.³When my spirit was overwhelmed within me then you knew my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.⁴I looked on my right hand and beheld but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.⁵I CRIED UNTO YOU O Lord: I said You are my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.⁶Attend unto my cry for I AM BROUGHT VERY LOW: deliver me from my persecutors for they are stronger than I.⁷BRING MY SOUL OUT of prison...
- B. If you believe The Bible, you believe prayer avails much-Changes things
- II. **Pray and God will lift you up-Ps30:1-I will extol you O LORD FOR YOU HAVE LIFTED ME UP and have not made my foes to rejoice over me.²O Lord my God I CRIED UNTO YOU and you have healed me.³O LORD YOU HAVE BROUGHT UP my soul from the GRAVE: you have kept me alive THAT I SHOULD NOT GO DOWN to the pit.⁸I cried to you O LORD...unto the LORD I MADE SUPPLICATION (implore, petition, earnest prayer).¹⁰Hear O Lord and have mercy upon me: Lord BE THOU MY HELPER.¹¹...turned for me my mourning into dancing: you have put off my sackcloth...girded me with gladness**
- A. Dancing and joy are connected to being lifted up-This kind of year
- III. **Lifted up, lifted out, lifted into as a result of prayer-Ac12:5-Peter...in prison but PRAYER WAS MADE WITHOUT CEASING (intent, earnest, fervent) of the church unto God for him.⁶...when Herod would have brought him forth the same night PETER WAS SLEEPING BETWEEN TWO SOLDIERS BOUND WITH TWO CHAINS AND THE KEEPERS BEFORE THE DOOR KEPT THE PRISON.⁷...the angel of the Lord came upon him...a light shined in the prison...he smote Peter on the side and RAISED HIM UP saying, Arise up quickly. And HIS CHAINS FELL OFF from his hands.⁹...HE WENT OUT and followed him...wist not that it was true which was done by the angel but thought he saw a vision.¹⁰...they came unto the iron gate that leads unto the city which opened to them of his own accord and they WENT OUT...¹¹...when Peter was come to himself he said, Now I know of a surety that the Lord has sent his angel and has DELIVERED ME OUT of the hand of Herod...¹²...came to the house of Mary...where MANY WERE GATHERED TOGETHER PRAYING.¹³...Peter knocked at the door...came...Rhoda.¹⁴...ran in and told how Peter stood before the gate.¹⁵...Thou art mad...It is his angel.¹⁶...opened the door and saw him they were astonished.¹⁷...hold their peace declared unto them how the Lord had BROUGHT HIM OUT of the prison...he departed, and WENT INTO ANOTHER PLACE.**

- A. When you pray you tap into the supernatural-Angels went to work
- B. If you'll pray you can be lifted up even in impossible situations-V6

IV. Humble yourself in prayer God will lift you up

- A. Prayer is one way we humble ourselves-It's an acknowledgement you are not your answer-**Ps5:3**-My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee and **WILL LOOK UP-2Ch7:14**-Shall **HUMBLE THEMSELVES AND PRAY-Lk18:11-14**-In rank
- B. Humble yourself by not worrying and praying instead-Worry is prideful self-reliance (what am I going to do insinuates you're the answer); Replace worry with prayer, letting your request be made known to God because you humbly realize you are not your answer-**1Pt5:6**-Humble **YOURSELVES** therefore under the mighty hand of God, **THAT HE MAY EXALT YOU** in due time:⁷Casting all your care upon him; for he cares for you-**Ph4:6-BE CAREFUL FOR NOTHING**; but in everything **BY PRAYER** and supplication with thanksgiving **LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN UNTO GOD**

- V. Prayer is lifted up before we are-Rv8:3-Smoke of incense with **THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS ROSE** before God.⁴...smoke of the incense which came with the prayers of the saints **ASCENDED UP** before God-**Ac10:4-THY PRAYERS..ARE COME UP** for a memorial before God-**2Ch30:27-THEIR PRAYER CAME UP** to his holy dwelling place even unto heaven-**Ps141:2**-Let my prayer be set before you as incense-**Jo2:1-JONAH PRAYED..YOU BROUGHT UP** my life from corruption-**Jd1:20-BUILDING UP YOURSELVES** (build upon, rear up-rise suddenly into a high position, raise, lift, exalt) on your most holy faith, **PRAYING** in the Holy Ghost

- VI. If we will pray and stick with we will be lifted up-Ps40:1-I **WAITED PATIENTLY** (2x bind, expect, look, patiently) for the LORD and he inclined unto me and **HEARD MY CRY**.²He **BROUGHT ME UP** also out of an horrible pit, **OUT OF** the miry clay and **SET MY FEET** upon a rock and established my goings-**Ps130:1**-Out of the **DEPTHS** (deep, valley) have **I CRIED UNTO YOU** O Lord.²Lord hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of **MY SUPPLICATIONS**.⁵**I WAIT FOR THE LORD..** and **IN HIS WORD DO I HOPE-Is40:31-THOSE WHO WAIT** on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall **MOUNT UP** (ascend, lift, go up) with wings like eagles