

# **PRAYER AND THE PRAY-ER**

*The Power of Prayer – Part 3*

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**John 13:1-11**

*“The intense prayer of the righteous is very powerful. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours; yet he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the land. Then he prayed again, and the sky gave rain and the land produced its fruit.”*

*James 5:16-18 (HCSB)*

## **WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR SOMEONE TO BE RIGHTEOUS?**

### **1. POSITIONAL RIGHTNESS.**

*“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.” Romans 5:1-2 (NIV)*

### **2. RELATIONAL RIGHTNESS.**

#### **Two Roadblocks...**

#### **a. Unconfessed and unrepentant sin in our life.**

*“Your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.” Isaiah 59: 2 (NIV)*

*“I cried out to Him with my mouth... if I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer.” Psalm 66:17-19 (NIV)*

*“If anyone turns a deaf ear to the law, even his prayers are detestable.” Proverbs 28:9 (NIV)*

**Isaiah 1:15-17**

#### **b. UNFORGIVENESS.**

*“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.” Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)*

*“...forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us.” Matthew 6:12 (NLT)*

## **SO WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I'M RIGHT?**

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