

When Heaven Answers - The Power of Effectual Prayer

James 5:16 - prayer is about a relationship with our heavenly Father

- Mighty active, fervent, prayer that works
- Vice – prayer that does not – ie. friend Mike prays fervently but rarely ever gets answers – James 4:3 – prays amiss & without knowledge
- Is prayer that gets answers from our Lord
- Psalm 29:3 – voice of the Lord is over the waters & the voice of the Lord thunders
 - Splinters the cedar, divides the flame, shakes the wilderness, makes the deer give birth
 - Delivers us from disaster, removes barriers, causes our adversary to fear and causes us to be fruitful
 - ORT – Psalm 18:6-14
 - About the voice of the Lord
- Hosea 2:23-24
 - We sow to the heavens and God answers the earth

What creates thunder? Lightning

1st the natural then the spiritual – 1 Cor 15:46 - principle

- **Lighting begins high above in the clouds in a charged region.**
 - **Sends out Stepped leaders**
 - When it gets close to the ground the charge **begins putting a pull on the ground** through this large reserve of negative energy
 - Certain **objects become aware** and begin **launching little streamers towards the stepped leader**
 - **Typically the higher object** (ie. telephone pole, building, mountain, tree, or person) that launches a **POSITIVE streamer** towards the stepped leader the more likely it will connect. That special one that makes the connection will give rise to a return stroke when you get this catastrophic event where 10,000 amperes current flows.
 - **Position is critical – physical & attitude**
 - When this connect is made, the switch is closed, the electrons join the earth in a blinding bolt of lightning.
 - Then successively higher charges and then from the cloud itself. So the visible lightning bolt moves up from ground to cloud as the massive electric currents flow down. These down streamers only exist for a minute fraction of a second
 - The flash we see is not the strike, but the local effects of the strike



- When the stepped leader meets the streamer and the current flows (the strike) the air around it becomes extremely hot so that it explodes. This explosion is followed by what we know is thunder.
 - **What causes explosion? Like dynamite (ie. dunamis power)**
- You will also note that when you see lightning that it flashes or flickers with many branches reaching out. Whenever a connection is made, the electrons from the branches flow to and through the stepped leader.
- Hence there is a series of secondary strikes and these strikes follow the path of the main strike. The main strike can be followed with as many as 30 or 40 secondary strikes.
 - **Strike is like answered prayer – so the one that connects does not usually just get one prayer answered but many.**
- Lightning goes from the ground up.

Ps 18:6-14

What creates thunder? Lightning!

Exodus 19:6 – lightning - First mentioned - Exodus 20:18 – presence of God on Mt. Sinai

Lightening - from 19:6 '[OT:1300](#) qr*B* **baraq** (baw-rawk'); from [OT:1299](#); lightning; by analogy, a gleam; concretely, a flashing sword:

Luke 10:18-20 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. **19** Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. **20** Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather* rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

God is looking for YOU to exercise YOUR authority.

Lots of people pray – but does your prayer work? Does it get results

- Ie. Mike, business, house, home, always praying but violates God's word
- Seems like the only time God is mentioned is when he is in trouble – James 4:3 & Hos 4:6

The Presence of God is looking for a positive connection on earth

Keys to connection?

1. Position yourself on the high ground (ie. MT Zion)
 - a. Eph. 6:10-18 - Preparation of the individual in a unit – Joel 2:1-10
 - i. Local church
 - b. Matt 6:9-12 – Personal prep
 - c. High place – MT Zion – Zech 8:3 where God dwells – Ps 69:35 - 36

- i. 24/7/365 – in a city
- d. Attitude – James 4:10 – Isa. 2:17 & Ezk 17:24 & Isa. 40:4 – humility
- e. Hos 4:6 & I Tim 2:15 – Study to show yourself approved & Heb 4:12
- f. Rom 8:26, Eph 6:18 – pray with all kinds of prayer
- g. Consistent effort to draw near is greatly increased when seeking with others of like passion - early in the morning will I rise up and seek thee-
 - i. Heb 11:6 – rewarded of those who DILIGENTLY seek Him

2. Activation

- a. God is calling you up to make a connection with you. The strong power in the heavens is putting a pull upon the earth. “Come up here” and I will show you things
- b. Are you going to be one of those positive streamers who make connection?
- c. Who hears the call? Who senses that strong pull? Who will position themselves to make that connection?
- d. Think about one main thing you have been praying about:
 - i. Examine the word
 - ii. Examine your attitude, motive of heart - humility
 - iii. Now let’s pray and I want to release an anointing to CONECT with God.