

Event: Titus 2

Topic: Faith, Prayer & Actions of a Righteous Woman

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Prayer

Do you take time to pray when you are going through trials and tribulations?

- Coming from the world, we would always call up one of our girlfriends, or family members and start gossiping or complaining.
- The Most High says we need to call upon on him first.
- We should only be talking to our counselor of a thousand and praying to the Most High.

Philippians 4:6 (KJV) Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

- When we are going through problems, whether it is with our husbands, our children or with someone in the body, we need to make your request known to the Lord and give thanks.
- Make it a point every day to thank God and keep the commandments.

- If we want to get into the kingdom, we need to train ourselves to stop calling up people to complain, and go to the Most High.
- There is nothing too big or too small that you can't take to the Most High.

Quote: Love is the measure of spiritual maturity

- How do you measure up?

John 14:15 (KJV) If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Luke 18:1 (KJV) And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

- We should always pray.
 - Tribulation in marriage
 - Turmoil in friendships
 - Financial problems
 - Sickness

1 Peter 3:7 (KJV) Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

- The only way that our prayers will not be hindered is if we and husbands are on one accord.
- Scriptures say to submit to our husbands in all things.
- If we want to be heirs together in the kingdom, we must be on one accord.
- It is important to examine ourselves making sure we are being honest about making things right so that we can get to the kingdom.

Mark 11:24 (KJV) Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.



- When we pray, we have to believe what we pray for.
- If we keep the commandments, he will help us out.

What does it mean to believe?

Sirach 32:24 (Apocrypha) He that believeth in the Lord taketh heed to the commandment; and he that trusteth in him shall fare never the worse.

- If we believe, we will keep the commandments.
- We can't say that we believe, and we are not keeping the commandments.
- The Most High is straightforward. He will help us in his own time, not in ours. As long as we are keeping the commandments.

1 John 5:14 (KJV) And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us:

- Our confidence is that if we keep the commandments, he will hear us.

Confidence definition: the feeling or belief that one can rely on someone or something; firm trust. [Synonyms: trust, belief, faith, credence, conviction, reliance, dependence, boldness]

- We have faith if we pray and apply righteousness, and the commandments, the Lord will plead our cause.

1 Kings 8:46-49 (KJV) If they sin against thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near; [47] Yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness; [48] And so return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name: [49] Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause,

- There is no man or woman who does not sin.
- The Most High is telling us what we need to do to repent when we do sin.
- When the Most High gets angry with us for sin, we get judged; some get sick, some go to jail, and we all went into slavery.
- We need to thoroughly examine ourselves to acknowledge what we did wrong. Repent and pray about it.
- Return to the Most High with all your heart and soul and, not do it again. After we repent and pray then, the Most High will plead our cause.



- There were a lot of people who prayed in the scriptures, and were not taught how to pray and keep the commandments.
- It's a new day sisters! We are now praying and we know we are being heard.

Faith

How do we get Faith?

Romans 10:17 (KJV) Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- There are many ways to hear the words of God.
- We can listen to a class.
 - We can listen in our car, or
 - we can listen while at work if you can.
- We can read aloud, or listen to audio Bible.
- If we do not hear the word over and over, our faith will not grow.
- The only way we will have faith is to hear the word of God.
- We have to make an effort to study.

Hebrews 11:1 (KJV) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

- We send up prayers and hope for it without any evidence.
- We have to focus and believe that God is waiting for us to send up our request.
- Pray, have faith and confidence, he will answer prayers; be patient.

Example: When my house burned down, we lost everything. I had to have faith. I prayed and gave thanks to the Most High for not killing us in the fire and were able to wake up to see another day. I prayed that he would take care of the needs of my family, and without evidence, I believed that he would answer my prayer. The most High gave me back more than what I could wish for or imagine.

- When your faith is tested, we get all emotional and lose it. We get a few minutes to be in our feelings but after that, snap out of it. Get up get focused and believe in God. Know that he is there waiting for your request.

James 1:3 (KJV) Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

- When the Lord tries us, he wants to see how much patience we have.
- When going through turmoil, pray. Don't start complaining and losing faith.
- Angels write down how we deal with situations and reports it to the Most High; everything is recorded.
- Everything is based on keeping the laws.

Matthew 17:20 (KJV) And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

- The mustard seed is the smallest of all the seeds.
- The Lord said, having the smallest amount of faith, there is nothing impossible for us.
- He can help but, we have to have faith and keep the commandments.
- Teach the commandments to your children.
- We may want certain things but if we are not keeping the laws, why should the Most High answer us?
- There are two sides to the Most High:
 - Merciful, pitiful and very compassionate
 - He is also a terror.
- If we keep the laws, pray for forgiveness, and repent, he will be very merciful toward us.





Hebrews 11:6 (KJV) But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

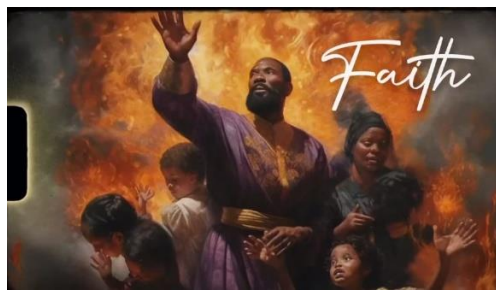
- If we have no faith and don't believe in God, there is no way we can please him. And no way to make it to the kingdom.
- Faith comes with doing the laws.

John 7:38 (KJV) He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

- We have to believe as the scripture says.
- If we are not hearing the word of God, because faith cometh by hearing, how will we know what is wrong?

James 2:17-18 (KJV) Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. [18] Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

- We can say that we have God in our hearts and have a personal relationship with God, and appear to have faith but, if we have no works, we will not get the kingdom.
- We can give alms and hate your brother or sister, if we hate them, we are a murderer. No murderer will get the kingdom of heaven.
- We must always do what is right.



Actions

1 Timothy 6:11 (KJV) But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

- Flee from wickedness and follow after what is good being godly and righteous.

1 Samuel 2:3 (KJV) Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

- Stop talking arrogantly and stop talking so much.
- The Most High is weighing our actions to make sure that they are lining up with what the Bible tells us to do.

James 5:14-15 (KJV) Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: [15] And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

- If you are sick, don't keep it to yourselves. Go to the elders so they can pray for you.
- If you get healed and then go back to your sin, the Most High's judgment could be worse, he could put you to death.

1 Timothy 6:12 (KJV) Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

- We have to fight. It is hard to do good because there is so much evil around us.
- We have to pray and fast and ask the Most High for help to apply the things we need to get eternal life.
- We have to learn how to exchange talents with our sisters, put foolishness aside, and get with sisters who possess the things we lack and learn from them.

Galatians 6:10 (KJV) As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

- We have to be good to all men, even those that are rude.
- If your husband is having a bad day and is upset, learn how to calm him down with your voice and know what to say to get him in a better mood.



Let's look at the generations of old that prayed, that kept the laws, and how the Most High answered them.

Sirach 2:10 (Apocrypha) Look at the generations of old, and see; did ever any trust in the Lord, and was confounded? or did any abide in his fear, and was forsaken? or whom did he ever despise, that called upon him?

- The Lord is saying to look at his history.
- Has he ever hated anyone who kept the commandments?

2 Kings 20:1-6 (KJV) In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. [2] Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying, [3] I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. [4] And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying, [5] Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD. [6] And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

- The LORD sent the prophet Isaiah to the king to him to let him know he was going to die.
- King Hezekiah turned to the wall and prayed and begged the Most High not to kill him because he always kept his laws.
- The Most High heard his prayer and told Isaiah to go back and tell the king that he would add 15 years to his life. This is the reputation of our God.
- The Most High has the final say always.

1 John 5:14 (KJV) And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

- King Hezekiah knew this scripture. He didn't care what any doctor said, he had confidence that if he kept the laws, his prayer would be heard.

2 Chronicles 16:12-13 (KJV) And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease, he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians. [13] And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.

- Asa had a disease in his feet. He decided to go to the physician instead of seeking the LORD first.

Exodus 34:14 (KJV) For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a Jealous God:

- God gets jealous and upset if you go to anyone else before him.
- We need to pray to the Most High that he will provide the right doctors, and that the right medicine is being administered.
- Always go to God first.

Susanna 1:2-3 (Apocrypha) And he took a wife, whose name was Susanna, the daughter of Chelcias, a very fair woman, and one that feared the Lord. [3] Her parents also were righteous, and taught their daughter according to the law of Moses.

- Susanna feared the Lord, which means she kept the commandments.

Susanna 1:20-21 (Apocrypha) Behold, the garden doors are shut, that no man can see us, and we are in love with thee; therefore consent unto us and lie with us. [21] If thou wilt not, we will bear witness against thee, that a young man was with thee: and therefore thou didst send away thy maids from thee.

- Two elders wanted to have sex with Susanna and if she didn't, they would falsely accuse her of sleeping with a young man.
- The punishment for adultery during this time was death.

Susanna 1:42-45, 62 (Apocrypha) Then Susanna cried out with a loud voice, and said, O everlasting God, that knowest the secrets, and knowest all things before they be: [43] Thou knowest that they have borne false witness against me, and, behold I must die; whereas I never did such things as these men have maliciously invented against me. [44] And the Lord heard her voice. [45] Therefore when she was led to be put to death, the Lord raised up the holy spirit of a young youth, whose name was Daniel; [62] And according to the law of Moses they did unto them in such sort as they maliciously intended to do to their neighbour: and they put them to death. Thus the innocent blood was saved the same day.

- In the middle of her turmoil, she prayed and the Most High heard her prayer.



- The Lord raised Daniel to speak up and defend her because she kept the commandments.
- The two elders were put to death when they intended for Susanna to be put to death. Because she was raised up in the laws and feared God, the Most High spared her life.

Esther 2:7 (KJV) And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter.

Esther 14:3 (Apocrypha) And she prayed unto the Lord God of Israel, saying, O my Lord, thou only art our King: help me, desolate woman, which have no helper but thee:

- When Esther's people were going to be put to death, she prayed.
- She had no one to counsel with, she was surrounded by Persians, so all she had was the Most High.
- When we are in situations and there is no one to help, we must remember that the Most High is always there waiting to help.

Esther 14:13 (Apocrypha) Give me eloquent speech in my mouth before the lion: turn his heart to hate him that fighteth against us, that there may be an end of him, and of all that are like minded to him:

Definition of Eloquent: fluent or persuasive in speaking or writing. [Synonyms: effective, persuasive, smooth-tongued]

- She prayed for the Most High to let her speech be eloquent to persuade the king because he was rough like a lion.
- Some of us have husbands who are lions. We need to pray to the Most High to give us eloquent speech to persuade our husbands to hear us when we ask for things; make sure our words are righteous.
- She went to the Lord first before she went to her husband.
- We need to always remain calm, demure, graceful, and lady-like. We can't come up to a lion acting like a lion.
- If you don't know how pray, the Most High will teach you how it's done; he will put sisters around you that will teach you.

Esther 14:14-18 (Apocrypha) But deliver us with thine hand, and help me that am desolate, and which have no other helper but thee. [15] Thou knowest all things, O Lord; thou knowest that I hate the glory of the unrighteous, and abhor the bed of the uncircumcised, and of all the heathen. [16] Thou knowest my necessity: for I abhor the sign of my high estate, which is upon mine head in the days wherein I shew myself, and that I abhor it as a menstruous rag, and that I wear it not when I am private by myself, [17] And that thine handmaid hath not eaten at Aman's table and that I have not greatly esteemed the king's feast, nor drunk the wine of the drink offerings. [18] Neither had

thine handmaid any joy since the day that I was brought hither to this present, but in thee, O Lord God of Abraham.

- Esther was not selfish; she knew that her purpose was to save her people.
- Some women, for their own selfish reasons divorce their husbands and tear their families apart. They do this rather than praying and asking for help when dealing with their husbands.
- The Most High will help you. Pray for them to be better husbands and be thankful that we have a husband.
- Esther endured and prayed. She hated being in the palace, hated the riches she had and, hated sleeping with the king but she understood the mission.
- We also need to understand that the mission is bigger than us. It is about our children and grandchildren. They need to see a good foundation and stability.
- If Esther can endure, we can endure.
- Our foremothers were not weak.

Esther 5:3 (KJV) Then said the King unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what is thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom.

- The king said to Esther, whatever you request shall be given to you. The Most High answered her prayer.

Esther 15:1-8 (Apocrypha) And upon the third day, when she had ended her prayer, she laid away her mourning garments, and put on her glorious apparel. [2] And being gloriously adorned, after she had called upon God, who is the beholder, and saviour of all things, she took two maids with her: [3] And upon the one she leaned, as carrying herself daintily; [4] And the other followed, bearing up her train. [5] And she was ruddy through the perfection of her beauty, and her countenance was cheerful and very amiable: but her heart was in anguish for fear. [6] Then having passed through all the doors, she stood before the king, who sat upon his royal throne, and was clothed with all his robes of majesty, all glittering with gold and precious stones; and he was very dreadful. [7] Then lifting up his countenance that shone with majesty, he looked very fiercely upon her: and the queen fell down, and was pale, and fainted, and bowed herself upon the head of the maid that went before her. [8] Then God changed the spirit of the king into mildness, who in a fear leaped from his throne, and took her in his arms, till she came to herself again, and comforted her with loving words, and said unto her,

- Esther was in anguish. She was able to put on a cheerful countenance and was friendly to a king she hated.
- We should be able to train ourselves to be cheerful and friendly to our husbands no matter the situation.
- We need to stop being selfish and put the needs of our husbands and our family first.



- When Esther came in to the king, he looked at her fiercely and she fainted. God changed his spirit to mildness.
- Some of us can't get anything from our husbands. We need to examine ourselves.
- The scriptures says that a soft answer turneth away wrath.

Most High and Christ Bless