

Transcript – Are Your Prayers Going into Yahweh’s Spam Folder?

Alrighty, Chag Semeach again! And I have a message today that I’ve been putting together for a little bit. I thought it would be good to give here at the Feast on prayer. And the name of the message is, *Are Your Prayers Going into Yahweh’s Spam Folder ... Are Your Prayers Going into Yahweh’s Spam Folder?*

We all get spam mail and it’s annoying, distracting. And in most times we try to delete it as quick as possible. Spam mail is junk mail. We call it basically junk mail; advertisements – unsolicited impersonal ads that we’re not asking for; and information that is unnecessary; and even at times, irritating.

But at times, have you ever had this happen? That a letter that was personally sent to you may have somehow ended up in your spam folder by accident? So my question is: are *your prayers* going into Yahweh’s spam folder? **Are they general, impersonal, self-oriented; short repetitious prayers that have no power to the throne of Yahweh?** Do you find it hard to pray when you’re discouraged? Do you ever think that if you could **only** pray like King David or the Prophet Eliyah; or Moses or even the Apostle Peter? They were such strong men of faith, not weak like we are. Let’s see about that today ... let’s take a look at this whole idea. Let’s start in Jacob 5 in verse 17... Jacob 5 in verse 17, it says:

Jacob 5:17a *Even ... Eliyahu ... Elijah was a weak man like ourselves ...*

Comment: So sometimes I think our concept of Biblical characters is very unrealistic because what we do is we’re seeing and think what if you were a Biblical character? What would be said about you? Right? I can think of myself if I was a Biblical character and you were reading about me in the Bible, more than likely, you would be reading about the work I’m doing in Jerusalem. You would be reading about maybe the meetings that Yahweh opened up for me with world leaders; or even going to the United Nations and sharing the name of Yahweh. Maybe you’re reading about me organizing feasts; or travelling to the brethren around the world like the Apostle Paul. But you know what? You would know nothing about me. You would know nothing about my personality. You would know nothing about my hardships. You would know nothing about my trials or my overcoming, my weaknesses or anything because basically, you’re learning about the person in there.

So when we look at Eliyahu, right, our mind right away thinks that this great prophet who fought the Priests of Baal and how strong he was. And the first thing we read in Jacob says, *Even Eliyahu was a weak man like we ourselves are ...* because **everybody is weak**. And you know something as we’re going to see in the sermon, the strongest people ... **the strongest men and even women of Yahweh were the ones that were the weakest. They were the ones most broken.**

And I say this all the time that **you can never come to repentance if you’re not broken**. So sometimes when we’re going through situations, and even sometimes it could be a friend or a family member, and we see them hurting ... and it does hurt because we love them. Because think about that, you can’t come to Yahweh unless you’re broken. So a lot of times it’s a good thing. **The trial is a good thing because we’re not going to overcome without them.** But ...

Jacob 5:17 *Even Eliyahu was a weak man like ourselves, but he prayed earnestly for it not to rain and did not rain on earth for three years and six months.*

Comment: So the fact that we may be weak, the fact that we may cry out to Yahweh, **the fact that we may be in despair doesn’t mean we don’t have faith**. They’re two totally different issues; because as we’re seeing here, **the strongest men of faith were the ones that had the most despair**; because it’s hard not to have despair in the world we’re living in today.

Jacob 5:18 *And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth caused its fruit to sprout.*

So Eliyahu was weak as we are. And **we pray** because **Yahweh is strong, not us**. That's the reason we're praying ... we're praying. And I wonder, because like I said, one of the first critical signs ... we have signs of different things like Covid now. The sign like when you get fever, you get this. **One of the first critical signs that you have a spiritual problem is when you're not studying and you're not praying**. And a lot of times it's because things are overwhelming you in your life; and whatever is happening, maybe somebody died. Maybe you lost your job; or whatever it could be, but you're stressed out. And that's actually the time we should be praying **double** and triple and quadruple. That's not the time to let up your prayer. That's the time to **up your prayer** because we pray, because **Yahweh's strong, not us**.

And if you want to get out of that mentality like we talked about with neuro-associations, you want to break that pattern of sadness, depression, whatever. You're certainly not going to break it if you're not praying and studying. **Your reality has got to be the Bible**. And when those big problems happen, the Bible becomes **very, very small** in the background; and that problem become **big** in your life. And not to take away from the problem you're having at the time because **it is big** at that time, but there's something bigger than that. **And that's the time we have to strengthen ourselves with Yahweh because He's going to give you the comfort**. You're not going to get it from anywhere else. You're going to get it from Him.

Let's go to 1st Kings 18 ... because let's look at Eliyahu ... 1st Kings 18 in verse 36 ... and this is when he's fighting the Priests of Baal:

1st Kings 18:36-37 *It happened at the offering of the sacrifice, that Eliyahu the prophet came near and said, O YAHWEH, the Elohim of Abraham, and Isaac, and Israel, let it be known today that You are Elohim in Israel, and I am Your servant, that by Your Word I have done all these things. Answer me, O YAHWEH, answer me; and this people shall know that You are YAHWEH Elohim; and You shall turn their hearts back again ...* Right? He's calling for a miracle and what happens?

1st Kings 18:38-40 *And fire fell from YAHWEH and consumed the burnt offering, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and the water that was in the trench it licked it up. And all the people saw, and fell on their faces, and said, YAHWEH, He is Elohim; YAHWEH, He is Elohim! And then Eliyahu said, Seize the prophets of Baal; do not let a man of them escape. And they caught them, and Eliyahu brought them down to the torrent of the Kishon and killed them there.*

Some of you have been there. We read this story when we're right up there where it happened; and it really can come alive. But wow, think about it! None of us are like that, right, calling fire from heaven and its coming down and how **bold he stopped them, take care of those pagans!** And now let's go to chapter 19, and look what happened right after that:

1st Kings 19:1-2 *And Ahab told Jezebel all that Eliyahu did, and all, that he killed all the prophets of Baal by the sword. And Jezebel sent a messenger to Eliyahu, saying, So let the gods do, and more, if at this time tomorrow I will not consume your life to be as the life of one of them.*

1st Kings 19:3-4 *And he saw, and rose up ... Eliyahu ... and ran for his life, and came to Beer-Sheba of Judah, and left his young man there; and he himself went into the wilderness a day's journey ... right? **Where do you go when you're looking for solace? You go to the wilderness ... and he came and sat under one broom tree. And he begged for his life, that he might die, and said, Enough, now, O YAHWEH; take my life, for I am no better than my fathers.***

Wow, wow! So is he human? Yeah! Did he have faith? Absolutely! Do we have faith? But are there times our faith is tried? Is there times that we get scared ... is there times? Of course it is. We're human beings. And we need to admit that! There's nothing wrong with that. Look at Eliyahu, I mean one minute he's over there fighting these people and calling from Heaven. And the next minute he's running from a woman. You know he's not even running from Goliath;

he's running from a woman. It's like, wow! There's something to that scripture, right? Better to be on the corner of the house.

Let's look King David, right? He's another man, right ... **powerful king** ... he comes there against Goliath, right? He wasn't a very tall man. He was probably five foot two, five foot three. That's the average Jew in that day. And it says that he's small, even to Saul who's like six foot six, six foot five, maybe. David couldn't even wear his armor because it shows how little he was; and he's young! He's seventeen years old, right? He's a shepherd boy. He's just coming there to bring the food. His brothers are mocking him, "What are you doing here? Get back to your few sheep you have there in the wilderness!" And yet, **he has a heart**. He hears there's this person who's **mocking** the living Elohim and he says, "Let me go after him. I'll take care of this person. You will not mock the living Elohim!" What faith he has, right? And yet, what happens after that? 1st Samuel 23 ... 1st Samuel 23 ... and verse 14 and 15:

1st Samuel 23:14-15 *And David stayed in the wilderness* ... again, everything is happening in the wilderness, right? It's always where Yahweh comes to His people ... *And David stayed in the wilderness in the strongholds. And he stayed in the hill, in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him all his days. And Elohim did not give him into his hand. And David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life; and David was in the wilderness of Ziph, in the forest ...* right?

So we look here and this wasn't something that happened once. It wasn't something that happened for a day, or a week, or a month, or even a year. For **thirteen years David fled for his life**, and not in one place. Like we said, the Israelites had forty-two stops in the wilderness. We don't know how many we may have, but boy; he had a lot of stops. There's a lot of different places ... Ziklag, Engedi, over here, and many other places. For **thirteen straight years**, can you imagine you're running for your life? And then even afterwards, even when Yahweh brought him to the throne, his life was not a good life; it was a sad life with a lot of grief.

If we look at 2nd Samuel 18 in verse 31 ... and you know like I said, when you look at the Bible, the Bible is an overall picture, right? The Bible is an overall, even with Yahshua. I mean we have Matthew, Mark, Luke and John of His **actual life** and His doings, but most of it is for scriptural reasons. It's for covenant reasons. It's to show us that He's the Messiah. It's to show us, because the Bible says the Messiah has to do certain things. It's to show us His compassion and His love. It's to show us how the people were against Him. It's basically to show us an outline of His life. But the Apostle John said, if we were tell everything that He did, the world couldn't hold the books, right?

So we're not really getting the picture. We're not getting the picture when He's just sitting around with His disciples and talking; or maybe how He's feeling when He's sick. Because it talks about in Isaiah, He was a man of sicknesses when He was younger. He was a sick child. His relationship with His brothers and sisters that are rejecting Him; or His mother that He loved so much and she has to see Him going through this pain. We have no idea of **all the inner things** of His heart and how He's doing.

But it's the same with King David. We know him as King David. And we most of the things we know are great – a man after Yahweh's heart. He had courage, he had faith. And on the other end, we also know he made some big mistakes. And some people can't even put those together. How on earth can he do this and do that? But I'm going deeper here with this because I want to show you here. If we look here in 2nd Samuel 18 in verse 31 ... and this is when his son Absalom, his very son is trying to kill him. And they wound up taking his life. Joab winds up killing him. So they're coming to David, they're running to David to tell him. And they think it's something good – you're enemy who's coming against the King has been killed. And I'm going to read verse 31:

2nd Samuel 18:31-33 *And, behold, the Cushite had come. And the Cushite said, News is borne, my master, O king! For YAHWEH has vindicated you today out of the hand of those rising up against you. And the king said to the Cushite, Peace*

to the young man, to Absalom? And the Cushite said, Let them be as the young man, the enemies of my master the king, and all who have risen up against you for evil. And **the king trembled** ... King David ... And he went up to the upper room of the gate and **he wept**. And he said this as he went, My son! My son Absalom! My son Absalom! Oh that I had died instead of you, my son Absalom, my son!

Like I said, very, very rarely in Scripture do we get this kind of thing, do we get an emotion of somebody; **heavy emotion** of somebody. But Yahweh is showing us this in here because He's showing us King David had a life of grief. If he was around today, all the psychologists would probably analyze him as maybe manic depressive. He was **not a very happy person**. When you look at his life, right? First of all, he's this young shepherd that has a heart for Yahweh. He's happy just being a shepherd with his sheep. He's fearless. When he tells the story how he fought a bear and he fought a lion, and all these things. And then Yahweh calls him because of that character to be the King over the people because He knows he's a righteous man. And his life is miserable from that point on.

Like I said, he runs for his life for thirteen years. Thirteen years running away like a bandit! And even when he comes to Saul ... twice he has to come ... and show Saul what shame it is that he's even coming after him. But thirteen years, think about that! Thirteen years worrying is Saul going to kill his father? Is he going to kill his mother? What's going to happen from here? And then finally how does he get the kingship?

He gets the kingship when Jonathan, his soul-mate, his best friend for life. The guy he felt knitted to. *That we're going to do this together and we know it; and your father's going to have to come to this conclusion, but me and you running together, we'll be partners;* because **they loved each other!** It says more than the love of man to a woman. And he takes the throne by his soul-mate being killed. And that's why he took no solace in it. And actually the man who came and told him that King Saul is dead, that he killed him even though he didn't. He lied because he thought he'd be rewarded! David says, "Out of your own mouth kill him ... out of your own mouth, because I'm not happy about this. I take no solace in this. This is breaking my heart."

Then he goes. He tried to get on with life, right? People are going to die. Things are going to happen. And you got to keep your focus on Yahweh. And what happens from there? He has children. He still never really got over it. You see he's not the best in child-rearing. And his one son comes and rapes his daughter. I mean **horrible situation** like that! And he's got to deal with this, but **he didn't** ... he didn't. He couldn't deal with it. He was so depressed, he was so sad. He couldn't even deal with it. And what happens? Through time, you're going to reap what you sow.

Absalom comes and he kills Amon, the brother. And at that time, they came to David and said, "All your sons are dead!" And he was ready to take his own life. And then they came and said, "No, no, no, no it's only Amon." And then he still doesn't know what to do. He sent Absalom away. And yet, he's so depressed. He's so unhappy that even Joab, who's tough as nails, sees that and realizes we got to bring him back some way. Unless Absalom is reunited with his Dad, this is just never going to work from here. And that's when he brings the woman. Remember to tell the story? And David brings Absalom back, but he doesn't reconcile with him. He doesn't even see him. And Absalom is getting madder and madder. He starts meeting at the gate. He starts getting everybody's ear that may have something and he goes against his own father. Can you imagine? His own father!

And believe me, in my life I have many people turn against me. But **when it's a family member, somebody who's your blood**, it's not easy to take. And that's why **even then** when David goes, Absalom want to kill him to take his position, what does David say? "Okay, we got to deal with this, but be careful with the boy. Be careful with him." And that's when Joab comes in later and he says, "What on earth are you doing? You love the ones hating you. You hate the ones loving you? We went there to form a life for you and you'd be happy if we were all dead and he was alive!" Because of the

mistakes he made in his life, he never got over it. He never got over it and he never had to re-do it again. He never had a chance.

But this is David; this is the King. This is a side you not normally see. Somebody who loved Yahweh with all his heart to the day he died. But his whole life was on the Kingdom, why did he did trust in Yahweh? Because **he saw in this world there's nothing**. He saw in this world there's really nothing here. And he wasn't a very happy person, as we see.

So I want to read you of his prayers. Because like I said, we have half of Psalms, maybe even more, some Psalms that are not listed. We think King David could have wrote them. But I want to ... this is David's prayer, right, so when David was sad, when things were happening, when his son is dying, when he's being chased by Saul, did he go in a closet and just say, "I don't want to prayer to Yahweh. I'm just going to feel sorry for myself." No! **This is the time when he cried out to Yahweh! This is the time when he knew he needed Yahweh more than anything.**

So let's go to Psalm 38 ... and again, **it's not just a Psalm. This is a heart-felt crying out prayer** of the third person in the Kingdom. A person that was had such a pure heart to Yahweh. A man after His own heart, that actually Yahweh let His own Son be the Son of him. Can you imagine the eternal being Yahshua, that He would be the literal Son of King David? So when King David is resurrected, right, and man, maybe he made a mistake with Amon; and maybe he made a mistake with Absalom and some of his other kids, but look what he's rewarded with for eternity. Yahshua is not just his Adonai and his Master, like it says in Psalm 110; Yahshua was his Son. He's going to have a Son that he can trust; and a Son that will be loyal for eternity. So Psalm 38:

Psalm 38:1-6 *A Psalm of David, to bring remembrance. O YAHWEH, do not rebuke me in Your wrath, and do not chastise me in Your fury. For Your arrows sink in me, and Your hand presses heavily on me. There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your anger; no peace in my bones because of my sin. For my iniquities have passed over my head; as a heavy burden too much for me. My wounds have putrefied and rotted because of my foolishness. I am bent down, **I am bowed down exceedingly**; I went **mourning all the day.***

Psalm 38:7-12 *My loins are filled with burning, there is no soundness in my flesh. I am exceedingly **benumbed and crushed**. I howl from the groaning's of my heart. Adonai, all my desire is before You, all my sighing is not hidden from You. My heart throbs; my power forsakes me! The light of my eyes, they're also not with me. My lovers and my friends stand apart from my stroke, and my neighbors have stood far off ... right? He's all alone just like Yahshua was ... And those seeking my life lay a snare; yea, those seeking my evil speak ruin, and they utter deceits all the day long.*

Psalm 38:13-17 *But like a deaf one I do not hear; and I am like a dumb one who does not open his mouth And **I am as a man who is not hearing, and who has no rebukes in his mouth.** For I hope in You, O YAHWEH; O Adonai my Elohim **You will answer.** And I said, Lest they rejoice over me in the slipping of my foot; they exalt themselves over me. For I am ready to fall and my pain is before me always.*

Psalm 38:18-22 *For I confess my perversity; I am anxious from my sin. And my enemies are living; they are strong; and ones hating have multiplied; they lie. And those who repay evil for good, they oppose me, because the good follows me. O YAHWEH, do not forsake me! **O my Elohim, do not be far from me.** Make haste to help me, O Adonai, my Y'Shua, my salvation.*

Wow, and he's talking about this from the deepest part of his heart because of what he's going through. So these men they know exactly what we're going through. These are the men we need to look toward. These are things we need to read when we're having these problems; because, yes, they were men of Yahweh. Yes, they were men of faith but they

also were men of sorrows. They were human beings. And **by their example** that's why it's here; **it's to help us when we're going through these times of trouble.**

How about Moses? Moses right? The prophet of Yahweh, right, the man that Yahweh says, "I don't speak to in riddles to him. **I speak to him face to face.**" One of the strongest prophets we've ever seen in the Bible; the man parting the Red Sea, what about him? Let's look ... Exodus 17 ... Exodus 17, verse 1 says:

Exodus 17:1-4 *And the congregation of the sons of Israel pulled up stakes from the Wilderness of Sin, according to their journeys, by the mouth of YAHWEH. And camped in Rephidim. And there was no water for the drinking of the people. And the people fought with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said to them, Why do you fight with me? Why do you tempt YAHWEH? And the people thirsted there for water, and the people **murmured against YAHWEH**, and said, Why, then, have you caused us to go up from Egypt, **to kill me and my sons** and my livestock with thirst? And Moses cried to YAHWEH, saying, What shall I do to this people? Yet a little bit and they're going to stone me.*

And we see it over and over again. Here it is Moses, you would think these people were slaves, right? These people are used to being whipped by the taskmasters. **Moses was the Prince of Egypt. He was a military commander!** And it even says, **even the Egyptian army respected him.** And you would think he takes these people out to the wilderness, wow, they'd follow judicial order hook, line and sinker. No! No, they hated his guts ... they hated his guts. They lied about him. They wanted to murder him. They wanted to stone him. And we see it over and over and over. I could do a whole sermon just on the rebellion of the people against Moses at that time. And this is what he's dealing with right, over and over and over ... even Numbers 12, right? Even his **own family**, his brother and sister ...

Numbers 12:1-4 *And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses, because of the Cushite woman whom he had taken. For he had taken a Cushite woman. And they said, Has YAHWEH spoken only by Moses? Has He not also spoken by us? And YAHWEH heard. And the man Moses was **very depressed**, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.*

And you know I think one of the reasons Yahweh was able to work with Moses, besides being the most depressed person, he was also the most humble person. You see he didn't want the fame. He didn't want the glamour. If he did, he would have never left being Prince of Egypt. Here was a guy who just knew right from wrong and wanted to follow Yahweh. But by being the one, he didn't want to be when Yahweh wanted to pick him, he kept saying, "Take somebody else" even though he was fully qualified. He wasn't looking to be the big cheese. And yet by doing it, he lived a life of misery for forty years. And at the end, didn't even get to go in the Promised Land.

So you could see ... I know if I was there and I was Moses, I'd be pretty depressed too. I might have been able to get through those forty years if I knew the Promised Land was on the other side, but in the end, to die in the wilderness. I wouldn't have been too happy. And like I said, **even when his own brother and sister turned on him, right, he intercedes on Mariam's behalf to Yahweh.** The same as he did with the people. Right before his death what did he say, "Please don't leave the people without a shepherd. Let me lay hands on Joshua." This is real shepherd. A real man of Yahweh, somebody who really was selfless. Yet, he was somebody who lived through a lot of sorrow and don't think it didn't weigh on his soul. Believe me, it did. More than can we can even imagine because he had two and a half million people with him, the vast majority wanted to kill him. If not, you wouldn't have had only two people going in the Promised Land.

There's a reason, **Yahweh's mercy is beyond anything we can imagine.** So if these people were redeemable, Yahweh would have redeemed them. They weren't ... they weren't redeemable. Because like I said the other day, they became Egyptians. They were no longer Israelites. And they didn't want to repent. They didn't want to be led by the Spirit of Yahweh.

So let's go to Psalm 90 because this is **Moses prayer** now to Yahweh. And to me like I said, these things **these are gold** ... these are gold. Can you imagine if we didn't have it? And we'd say, "Wow, can you imagine if we can just find one prayer that David actually said to Yahweh. How important that would be that we could understand how he prayed and how he did it?" And here we are, have at least seventy-five prayers of David; and a prayer even of Moses. The very prayer of Moses ... Psalm 90:

Psalm 90:1-6 *A Prayer of Moses, the Man of The Elohim. O YAHWEH, You have been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were born, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting You are El. You turn man to dust, and say, return, O sons of men. For a thousand years in Your eyes are as a day, yesterday, when it passes, and as a watch in the night. You flooded them away; they are as a sleep; in the morning they are like grass growing; in the morning it sprouts and shoots up; in the evening it is cut off and dries up.*

Psalm 90:7-11 *For we are consumed by Your anger, and we are troubled by Your wrath. You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your face. For all our days pass away in Your wrath; we finish our years like a sigh. The days of our years are seventy; and if any by strength live eighty years, yet their pride is labor and vanity; for it soon passes, and we fly away. Who knows the power of Your anger? And as Your fear is, so is Your fury.*

Psalm 90:12-17 *So teach us to number our days, so that we may bring a heart of wisdom. Return, O YAHWEH! Until when? And give pity to Your servants. O satisfy us in the morning with Your mercy, and we will be glad and rejoice all our days. Make us glad according to the days of our affliction, the years in which we have seen evil. Let Your work be seen in Your servants, and Your majesty to their sons. And let the delight of YAHWEH our Elohim be upon us; and establish the works of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish it!*

And you know you can picture either King David, or Eliyahu, or Moses, sitting there in their room and meditating and singing and thinking to Yahweh and praying and putting it down. And here it is thousands of years later, Yahweh preserved this. Because like I said, it's gold ... it's gold. Because the problem is **when we hit difficulty, people close up instead of opening up. When we hit difficulty, instead of going to these prayers and looking at them as your own, they close their Bible up.**

And I know myself if I'm not in this Bible every single day I wake up and I'm not praying to Yahweh every single day, I know I won't make it, because whatever you focus on becomes most real. And **if you're not in the Bible, and you're not praying, your focus certainly is not Yahweh.** And like I said, Yahweh put these things there because the men that had the greatest faith in Him also had the greatest sorrows. And it's for us when we go through these things that we know how to pray. And I say, are your prayers going in Yahweh's spam folder? Is it just the old generic thing? Pray the same thing? Yahweh pray for this one, Yahweh pray for this one, Yahweh pray for them, thank you Yahweh, good night. Is it just the old same thing? **You're praying to the King of the Universe! You're praying to the Creator of everything.**

All of us can have a million questions we can ask Him! And I do sometimes in prayers, *how is this like this?* Sometimes He answers through His Word. Sometimes He makes me think of it more, right? Because **that's our glory to search out these things!** Because it's amazing, how did He create the Universe? How do the stars stay in Heaven? As this star is a million light years away and burned out, how do we still see it? And it's like, **He's our Dad, He wants us to talk with Him. He wants us to have a personal relationship.**

How about the Apostle Peter, right? He's a strong man of faith, right? He's the head apostle in the New Testament, but let's go to Luke 22 ... Luke 22 in verse 54 ... Luke 22 in verse 54. And this is when Yahshua is taken on the night of the Passover. And Kefa, Peter, he goes to the House of Caiaphas, he's waiting to see what happens ... and then I'm going to pick up here in verse 54:

Luke 22:54-57 *And laying hold of Him ... Yahshua ... they led Him away led Him into the house of the high priest. And Peter followed at a distance. And lighting a fire in the middle of the courtyard, and they sitting down, Peter sat in their midst. And a certain female slave seeing him sitting near the light, and looking intently at him, said, And this one was with Him. And he, Peter, denied Him, saying, Woman, I do not know Him.*

Luke 22:58-62 *And after a while, another seeing him said, You also are one of them. But Peter said, Man, I am not. And about an hour intervening, a certain other one boldly charged, saying, This one also was with Him, for he also is a Galilean. And Peter said, Man, I do not know what you say. And immediately, as he spoke, the cock crowed. And turning, Yahshua looked at Peter ... He's walking by as this is happening with the soldiers having Him after being beaten ... And Peter remembered the Word of our Master, how He told him, Before a cock would crow, you will deny Me three times. And going outside, Peter wept bitterly.*

And I think that **sometimes when we don't pray it's because we've gotten away from Yahweh**. Sometimes we've gotten in a worldly environment. Things have happened and we don't pray to Yahweh because we're drifting away. I think **other times; it's like this with Peter, because there's guilt**. Something happens and we know we were wrong and we don't know how we did something wrong and **we're so ashamed that we're ashamed to go to Yahweh and pray**. **But again, that's the only way to be forgiven**.

It's the same with baptism, **we're not baptized because we're righteous**. We're baptized because the righteous don't need a doctor. **It's the sinner that needs the doctor**; it's the sick. So we're not baptized because we're righteous, we're baptized because we're sinners. And the same way, it's **at that very time when you messed up or you did something; that that's the time**. Even though we know we're wrong and **you're convicted**, that's the whole reason you need to get on your hands and knees and go to Yahweh.

And I know as a child when you do something wrong and maybe you got in trouble at school, the last thing you want to do is go home and have to tell your parents and face the music. But you know what? Every time you feel a lot better right after you do it. You really feel better. Because that was me, if I had something I knew I was going to get in trouble, I just wanted to get it over with; because the thought of it is way worse than even the punishment itself. So **if you do it, you face the music, you're serious, you change, you repent than that's the end of it**. And with Yahweh of course, He puts our sin from the east to the west. But the worst thing to try to do is avoid it. And that's what David did in His life. David avoided his problems and **they magnified, they multiplied**. And in the end it got a lot worse. That if he would have dealt with things early on, his life would have been completely different. It would have been a very, very different outcome.

So what happens? John 21 in verse 14 ... the same way that Peter denied Yahshua three times, Yahshua gives restoration three times ... John 21 in verse 14 ... this is when Yahshua is resurrected and He's meeting them on the Sea of Galilee; and He meets Peter and He's talking to Him ... and it says:

John 21:14-17 *This now is three times that Yahshua was revealed to His disciples, He being raised from the dead. Then when he dined, Yahshua said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these? He said to Him, Yes, Master, You know that I love You. He said to him, Feed My lambs! Again He says to him, secondly, Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me? He said to Him, Yes, Master, You know that I love You. He said to him, Shepherd My sheep! Thirdly, He said to him, Simon son of Jonah, do you love Me? Peter was grieved that He said to him a third time, Do you love Me? And he said to Him, Master, You perceive all things; You know that I love You! Yahshua said to him, Feed My ewes!*

And that's when He tells Peter about how he will glorify Him in his death. But you know one thing, I understand the part of asking him three times because he denied Him three times and He's given him three times to be restored, but I

wonder why Peter asks Him, “Do you know I love you?” I mean a week later, he’s denying Him, openly denying Him and publicly. And Scripture clearly says, we deny Him, He’ll deny us. So we got to be careful with that. And **every time we compromise we deny Him**. And there’s times we think that compromise is something good; or that we’re being mature. But just like in Corinthians, where the man is having his own father, his own step-mother, they’re thinking they’re mature by not judging this man. And what does the Apostle Paul say? No! I’ve already judged because **the Word of Yahweh judges. And we have to judge by the Word of Yahweh. We don’t judge the people; we judge the sin. But when we compromise, we’re denying Him because there’s no compromise in His Word.**

So the Apostle Peter becomes, wow, the head apostle ... let’s just go to 2nd Peter, I’ll just read a couple verses here at the beginning of his letters ... 2nd Peter 1 ... becomes the head apostle, dedicates his whole life. Like if you only read about Peter after the resurrection, not before, you would never know it was the same person; which **gives us hope and opportunity that the Holy Spirit definitely can change us. The Holy Spirit not only convicts us but it changes us.** So 2nd Peter 2:1 says:

2nd Peter 2:1-3 *Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Yahshua Messiah, to those equally precious with us, having obtained faith in the righteousness of our Elohim and Savior, Yahshua Messiah: Grace to you, and peace be multiplied by a full knowledge of YAHWEH, and of Yahshua our Master. Who has given us all things that pertain to the power of Elohim, for the life and worship of Elohim, through the full knowledge of the One calling us through glory and virtue?*

So we see a totally different person that’s there. If we go to 2nd Corinthians 12 and we look at the Apostle Paul ... 2nd Corinthians 12 in verse 7. And this is a perspective from the Apostle Paul. And again, one of the top greatest apostles that we have an example of, he says:

2nd Corinthians 12:7 *And by the super abundance of the revelations, that I not be made arrogant, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, that I not be made haughty.*

Comment: So we know Paul had problems with his eyes, but this seems to be like he had some kind of ... Yahweh allowed some kind of demonic influence to taunt him because of this.

2nd Corinthians 12:8-10 *Beyond this I entreated our Master three times, that it depart from me. And He said to me, **My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.** Therefore, I will rather **gladly boast in my weaknesses**, that the power of Messiah may rest upon me. Because of this, I am pleased in weaknesses, in insults, in dire needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for the sake of Messiah. **For when I am physically weak, then I am spiritually strong.***

And like I say this, **great understanding of all those who love your Torah and nothing will offend them.** So if you’re getting offended; especially if it’s over nothing ... *he looked at me the wrong way, he didn’t look at me this way, he said this this way, he didn’t say that way ...* then this is what’s saying: that in dire distress, in insults, in persecutions; when we’re physically weak, we’re spiritually strong. So not to say when we have an ailment we shouldn’t try to get better, take herbs or whatever we need to take, strengthen ourself. I think that’s a good thing because our body is sanctuary of the Ruach H’Kodesh, the Holy Spirit. But at the same rate, all of us have things in our life that are just there that aren’t going to go away. And we should thank Yahweh for that! **Thank Yahweh for your weaknesses. Thank Yahweh for your infirmities! Thank Yahweh for your sicknesses because when you’re weak, you’re strong!**

Like I said, we don’t pray to Yahweh because we’re strong. **We pray to Yahweh because we’re weak and He’s strong! And it’s through prayer that’s going to make you strong, fervent prayer.** That you’re going to come out of there and your Spirit is going to be filled! And **the stronger you are spiritually, the less you will feel your physical weaknesses.**

The stronger you are spiritually, the less you're going to feel it. You just won't feel it as much. So this is the example the Apostle Paul said to us, when we're weak, we're strong. **We must go to the throne of Yahweh in humility, but also we have to go confidently with faith.** We have to go to the throne of Yahweh in humility, but we also have to go with confidence and faith. Hebrews 4 in verse 14 ... Hebrews 4 in verse 14 says:

Hebrews 4:14-16 *We have therefore a High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Yahshua, the Son of YAHWEH, let us remain **firm in His faith.** For we have not a high priest, who cannot share our infirmities ... our sicknesses ... but we have one who was tempted in everything as we are, yet without sin. Therefore, let us **draw near with confidence to the throne of grace,** that we may receive mercy, and we may find grace in time of need.*

So wow, that's why **Yahshua is our Mediator.** That's **we have no right to go to the throne of Yahweh accept through His blood!** That's why every prayer we say in the name of Yahshua. We always pray in Yahshua's name because it's only by His blood that we go to the throne of Yahweh. But He went through **every single thing** we're going through. If you went through trial, if you went through suffering, if you went through sadness, if you went through sickness; **everything you feel, He felt for no other reason so He can understand what we're going through. And that's why we need to go to Him because He's going to give us the strength.**

Prayer is about relationship. It's not about canned requests, but it's about sharing our heart with our Dad. So **it's not about going with canned requests, but it's about relationship, sharing our heart with our Dad.** 1st John 5 in verse 14 ... 1st John 5 in verse 14, he says:

1st John 5:14-15 *And this is the confidence we have toward Him, that **if we ask anything according to His will,** He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.*

And that's why the Bible says, don't say I'm going to go here tomorrow, or there tomorrow, say if Yahweh wills it. Everything we say because we don't know the will of Yahweh. So we don't know when we have an infirmity if it's His will to heal us. It might be His will that He's teaching us a lesson. And this is why **we don't command Him what He's to do for us. We share with Him our requests and then whatever He gives, we're happy with that. And we're trying to figure out what does this mean in my life?** What lesson do I need to learn? What is He trying? Maybe it's a blessing?

I looked one time and I was thinking about a blind person and I was saying, "Wow." And people say, "I'm so sad for them they've been blind from birth. Oh, they never got to see. They never got to see the mountain. They never got to see colors." And that's true; they haven't got to see it. But you know what? They also have never seen evil. A deaf person, a deaf person has maybe never heard, right? He can sign language ... never heard; but he's never heard gossip. He's never heard a curse word. He's never heard a wrong name called for Yahweh. So sometimes even that, even being physically deaf or physically blind can be a blessing because you're not seeing the horror that mankind brings in this world.

But like I said, prayer is about relationship. And **we have to ask according to Yahweh's will. We're not demanding our way.** You're not praying ... it's not a list of demands. If you think about it and I've had the blessing of being before different world leaders; Prime Minister Netanyahu being one of them. And I've never come before a world leader and started demanding something. Number one, I knew their time is precious, more than mine. I knew that Yahweh put this opportunity there. I pray all the time. And **I would just pray for Him to put the right words in my mouth; something that I can convict, something I can share.** Many times I share with them about, when it was world leaders of supporting Israel if they want blessings on their country. But again, it was never demands. How do you demand something from that?

And it's the same way here **we have to think about Who we're coming before. He's the eternal Creator of all things. He's also our Dad who loves us.** But although we want to be open and we want a personal relationship; we also want to be respectful. **You have to be respectful in prayer.**

I've heard people tell me before they were angry at things ... *And I started yelling at Yahweh.* And then they'd giggle. I'm thinking, wow, I wouldn't giggle. I'd be scared. I'd be scared fire is going to come down on me. But that's certainly not a way. And we can know with our children, in one way if you're children are yelling at you or demanding something that's certainly not a way that they're going to get something.

So, we have to **make sure that our prayers are His prayers.** And that's why I say, I love the Psalms. They should be our songs. They should be our prayers because if we want to know what the Holy Spirit is inspiring just talk in Psalms; or other parts of the Bible. That's not the only book with prayers and songs, but it's a big part of it. Matthew 6 in verse 19 ... Matthew 6 in verse 19:

Matthew 6:19-21 *Do not treasure up for you treasures on the earth, where moth and rust cause to corrupt, and where thieves dig through and steal. But treasure up for you treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust cause to corrupt, and where thieves do not dig through and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

Matthew 6:22-24 *The lamp of the body is the eye. Then if your eye is pure, all your body is light. But if your eye is evil, all your body is dark. If, then, the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one is able to serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or he will cleave to the one, and despise the other. You are not able to serve YAHWEH and wealth.*

Right? So **our prayers are an extension of our heart.** And are they only advertisements to Yahweh what we want? Is our prayer only an advertisement? Think to yourself when you're praying, is your prayer basically the same thing? If somebody heard you pray once they could actually tell what you're going to pray the next time. Is it just an advertisement to Yahweh of what I want over and over and over? Or is it a relationship? Is it something where you're over here and you're talking to Yahweh and you're seeking Him?

And I say this that **when you're praying,** I've said before, **you're speaking to Yahweh. When you're reading His Word, He's speaking to you.** And many times I have my Bible out there as I'm praying; because just like in a normal conversation, you don't go on and on and on and on, so **as I'm praying I take time and I pause to listen.** It might be a thought He puts in my head. It might be a scripture He's inspiring me. There's times where He over talked me. I'm talking and then I hear the Holy Spirit saying, "Well, what about you doing this?" I'm like, "Sorry, sorry Father. Yep, you're right!" And that's why I know it's not me, because why would I over talk myself of something bad about myself? **But we have to give Him that time.**

As we're praying it's not just this *ba, ba, ba, ba, ba;* because that's what the Bible says not to do as we're going to see here in a minute. We're not to get into repetitious prayers. Where into praying to Him, it's a conversation and **we have to take that time to meditate. You take the time to let Him speak back to you through His Holy Spirit.** 1st John 5:14 and 15, it says:

1st John 5:14-15 *This is the confidence we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.*

So that's where the boldness is coming; because you know what? If you're praying for **His will,** then there's no doubt He's going to answer the prayer. So not that we can't pray for our own things because it's part of the outline that

Yahshua said. We do want to pray for our daily needs. We want to pray for things that might be happening in our life; or problems we might be having.

But **the majority of our prayers should be praying for the Kingdom.** It should be praying for His work, praying for the congregations that are being persecuted; praying for the new people that are coming to faith; praying that we can get Bibles printed and get out to people. **Our focus, where your treasure is there your heart is also.** So are most of those prayers around the work of Yahweh? Or are most of prayers, just like I said, just basically advertisements for the things you want in your own personal life? **Our prayers are an extension of our heart ...** our prayers are an extension of our heart. John 5 in verse 30 says:

John 5:30 *I am not able to do anything of my own desire, but as I hear I judge and my judgment is just, for I don't seek my will, rather the will of Him who sent me.*

So are we praying for the will of Yahweh? And why does Yahweh not answer prayer sometimes? Hosea 7 in verse 14 ... Hosea 7 in verse 14, He says:

Hosea 7:14 *And they have not cried to Me with their heart, when they howled on their beds. They gather themselves for grain and wine; they turn against Me.*

So He's saying He's not answering because they haven't **heart-feltly** prayed to Him **according to Yahweh's will. We must pray from the heart for Yahweh to hear us.** Another thing is Matthew 6:5-7 ... Matthew 6:5-7, He says:

Matthew 6:5-7 *And when you pray, you shall not be as the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the open streets so that they may be seen of men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, enter into your room and shutting your door, pray to your Father in secret. And your Father seeing in secret will repay you in the open. And when you pray, you should **not be chattering like the pagans** for they hope that by many words they will be heard.*

So like I said, we're **not to use vain repetitions.** We shouldn't do it in songs, just saying the same line over and over and over and we shouldn't do it in prayers. Because a song is simply just a prayer that's just so excited that you're singing it – a jubilant prayer, is a song. So we're not to just use vain repetitions. And when you look at spam mail, that's exactly what spam mail is. It's impersonal. It's the same email to thousands of people. **We need to be personal with our Heavenly Father.** He revealed His name to us, His character, His will, His Word. **His Spirit is living in us.** The same Spirit that He has is inside of us and **we should be one with Him; with the Father and with Yahshua. They should be our soul-mate.**

We have to keep the respectful, but we also want to make it personal. You want to **share from your heart. You want to tell Him your deepest feelings, good and bad.** You know that's another thing, think of as a parent, think if your child only came to you with bad things. The phone's ringing and, *Yep, it's Johnny again and it's only oh bad, bad, bad, bad.* No! you want to hear the good and the bad. *Hey, mom, dad guess what happened today? Hey, I was out there and I met this person; I was witnessing to him; or I got raise at work! One of the children, something good they did.* You want to hear the good and the bad, that's what a parent is there for. But we don't want to **just be telling** Yahweh all the bad things. And that's why we talk to Him all day long. You want to share with Him your joys and you want to talk with Him with your struggles. You have to use both.

We want to **keep it respectful but we also want to make it personal.** We want to share with Him our heart. We want to tell Him our deepest feelings and we want to look at someone like King David's example. I mean when you look at those Psalms you could just picture him as he's running from Saul, as he's going through this stuff, he's stressed out as

anything, he's going for his life; and here it is, he's stretching himself out on the floor of his tent and he's just crying to Yahweh; and the Holy Spirit is inspiring these words.

Let's look at another Psalm ... Psalm 31 ... Psalm 31 ... I'm going to start in verse 9. And picture what David is feeling. Picture what he's feeling as you're listening to the words of this Psalm ... picture what he's going to. Like I said, picture him in that tent. Picture him. He just got away from Saul. Picture him sweating, shaking as they almost just got him; and now **he's crying out to Yahweh**. He has enemies all around him. And this is his exact words that the Holy Spirit is inspiring in Psalm 31. I'm going to start in verse 9 and go down to verse 24:

Psalm 31:9-10 *Give me your grace, O YAHWEH, for I am in trouble; my eye has wasted away with grief, my soul and my belly. For my life is ending in grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones have wasted away.*

Comment: Did he have some kind of cancer or something? I don't know, possibly. He did die, you know seventy, right, at seventy.

Psalm 31:11-13 *I was a reproach among all my foes, but exceedingly to my neighbors; and I was a dread to my friends; those seeing me fled outside from me. I am forgotten like one dead from the heart; I am like a perishing vessel. For I have heard the slander of many; fear is all around; because they are plotting together against me, **they planned to take away my life.***

Psalm 31:14-18 *But I trusted in You, O YAHWEH; I said, You are my Elohim. My times are in Your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and from those who pursue me. **Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your mercy.** Let me not be ashamed, O YAHWEH; for I have called upon You; let the wicked be ashamed; let them be silent in Sheol. Let the lying lips be silenced which speak recklessly against the righteous with pride and scorn.*

Psalm 31:19-24 *How great is Your goodness which You have laid up for those who fear You; You have worked for those who trust in You before the sons of mankind. **In the secrecy of Your presence** You shall hide them from man's plots; You shall **cover them in a booth**, from the strife of tongues. Blessed be YAHWEH, for He has worked His mercy wonderfully to me in a besieged city. And I said in my haste, I am cut off from Your eyes; surely You heard the voice of my prayers when I cried to You. O love YAHWEH, all you saints of His; YAHWEH preserves the faithful, and abundantly repays the proud doer. **Be strong, and He will make your heart stronger, and you who hope in YAHWEH.***

Wow! What an awesome, awesome prayer. And praise Yahweh that we have this. Like I said, these are **real prayers**, real prayers that we can relate to. We can **fervently pray these words** that are inspired by Yahweh. Because Romans 8:26 ... Romans 8:26 says:

Romans 8:26 *And likewise **the Spirit also joins in to help our weaknesses.** For we do not know what is right and proper for us to pray, but the Spirit intercedes on our behalf with that earnestness that cannot be described.*

So I've had people try to tell me this verse when they're doing the demonic tongues and falling on the ground and barking like a dog. That's not what it's talking about. It's talking about, many times when we go and pray we don't know what to pray for. Just like when we see the prayer list on the website. We see somebody maybe is hurt or they need prayer. We don't understand the whole situation. So we're praying and the Holy Spirit understands and in way put words in your mouth to help. Or with that situation in your life, you may not have words that you know what to pray; and that's where the Holy Spirit will come in. Because that's what we want, **we don't want our own words**. We don't want our own spam mail. We don't want our same old petitions to Yahweh; same old thing, pray for Uncle Joe, pray for this. Thank you, good bye. **We want heartfelt words from the Holy Spirit that are inspiring us.** And sometimes we can't

put them into words, but Yahweh's Holy Spirit can. That's why I say we got to be quiet sometimes. You got to hear that still voice. You got to let Him meditate; let Him put the words in your mouth, go to Scripture, let Him speak to you from the Scriptures. And I can tell you, I never give a sermon without praying to the Ruach because I don't want my words coming out. I want Yahweh's words coming out **to guide and to lead**. I want Him to lead the words in my mouth. I want Him to ... **Him to bring His message**. I don't want my message to come.

So we want to **make sure that our prayers are personal, they're fervent and even intimate; personal, fervent and intimate**. Because remember **Yahshua is our Bridegroom; we're a bride and we're excited and we're waiting for that Wedding Supper!** And do you feel that way? Think about it. Think about it if you're there and you're engaged and your husband went off to build this house and you have to write to Him; how would you do that? Or you're talking to Him on the phone? That's what it is. How would you do it? **He's the Bridegroom. Are you excited? Are you excited to tell Yahshua the things you're doing?** How you are waiting and you can't wait for the Kingdom.

And like it said, look at Song of Solomon. What an awesome book we have there! There is no other book in all of the Bible that tells **Yahshua's intimate feelings toward His bride**. And that's a book that's for us. So **the greater relationship you have with you and Yahweh, the more powerful and heartfelt your prayers are going to be**. And you know **that prayer** is the most important conversation of the day. It doesn't matter what else; it doesn't matter if you're meeting the Queen of England; which would be very exciting. But still that prayer **to Yahweh** is more important than that. Psalm 28, 1 and 2 ... Psalm 28, 1 and 2 says again:

Psalm 28:1-2 *A Psalm of King David. I will call to You, O YAHWEH; my Rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if You be silent from me I may be compared with those going down into the Pit. **Hear the voice of my prayers in my crying to You, when I lift my hands toward Your Holy of Holies** ... drop down to verse 6 ...*

Psalm 28:6-9 *Blessed be YAHWEH, because **He has heard the voice of my prayers**. YAHWEH is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; yea, my heart greatly rejoices; and **I will thank Him with my song**. **YAHWEH is their strength, and He is the fortress of Y'shua, He is His Messiah. Save Your people and bless Your inheritance and feed them, and lift them up forever.***

Praise Yahweh ... praise Yahweh! We must surrender to the mind of Messiah. We have to allow the Ruach to lead our mind to proper prayer to Elohim. Revelation 8 ... Revelation 8:3-4:

Revelation 8:3-4 *And another cherub came and stood on the altar, having a golden censer. And many types of incense were given to him that he should **give them with the prayers of the saints** on the golden altar before the throne. And the smoke of the incense went up with the prayers of the saints out of the hand of the cherub before YAHWEH.*

Right? So, we are the only people on earth, **the first-fruits, that direct access to the throne of Yahweh**. So **our prayers are heard** and they're necessary and they're powerful. So in our personal life, in the Congregation but also in the world, right, this world, things are happening; wars, disasters, vaccines, whatever it may be, that **Yahweh hears our prayers**. And we need to be praying to Him for these things. Our prayers are heard and they're necessary and they're powerful. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 ... 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says:

1st Thessalonians 5:17 *Pray without ceasing.*

Very short verse but very powerful; **pray without ceasing** ... pray without ceasing. The Bible gives us an example of praying morning, noon and night. And you could pray all day long because prayer is just conversation. Somebody asked one time, "Well what is the position you're supposed to be in when you pray?" I said, "Well, if you're upside down and hanging in a well by your foot, that's probably the best position to pray in at that time." Of course we want to pray on

our hands and knees because we want to show reverence to Yahweh, but that's not the only way to pray. You can pray on a bus, you can pray as you're walking because it's conversation. You could pray to Yahweh all day long. So sure you want to have your special prayer time in your prayer closet on your hands and knees showing Yahweh all reverence and glory; but we should be praying without ceasing. We should be praying all the time. And the last scripture, Jacob 5 in verse 16 ... Jacob 5 in verse 16:

Jacob 5:16 Confess your faults one to another and **pray for one another** that you may be healed. The **effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man is powerful.**

And I'm not going to say just a man, a woman also. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous person is powerful. So we want to make sure that our prayers, right ... *the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous person.* We want our prayers to be fervent. We want to be from our heart. And like I said, as you're reading those Psalms and you're thinking of David or Moses or Eliyahu, whoever, and you're thinking of what they're going through as they're writing this, **they are pouring their heart out.** They're literally ... and **that's what made their relationship with Yahweh.**

It wasn't that they were better people than us; or they didn't go through the trials we go through, the opposite. Some of them went through worse trials than we do. Some of them did worse sins than we do. But what they did was, **they had faith, they believed, they were convicted and they had relationship! They had relationship because they sought it.** They had a relationship with Yahweh and that's what He wants with every one of us.

That's why I say, not every one of us, in judicial order, can have the position of a Moses, right, or King David. But **every one of us can have the relationship.** Yahweh wants the same relationship with you and me that He has, or He had with King David and with Moses. He wants that but it's got to be initiated, right? **Relationship takes two parties to be involved. Both parties have to give in to that.** It can't be one-sided. You might see that in the Congregation some times. You're reaching out and someone else isn't, it's okay because it's just the way it is. But for a relationship to happen, a friendship, there has to be two ends of that.

So prayer is our most powerful tool for our relationship with Yahweh and overcoming. Prayer is a conversation, right? We also say it's not a 'one-sation'. Sometimes you'll be with someone; it's a 'one-sation'. I used to have this, I used to counsel when I was in America many, many moons ago, I used to do like twenty to twenty-five hours of counseling with people. And sometimes it could just be like, as soon as you say hello, that's the end of it. It's not a 'one-sation'; it's a conversation.

It's not a *canned repetitious* statement, right? We pray to Elohim and He usually answers through His Word; or inspires us by our mind through His Holy Spirit, but it's a conversation. It's a discussion. That's why I said when you're praying, take a few seconds or a minute, whatever it is, just take some time now after you speak, and listen. Listen if He put something in our mind. Listen if He has you go to a scripture. We want to listen as we're praying also. It's not just one party blabbering over and over. We want our prayers to be heard. **When praying to Yahweh, take moments to be silent. Like I said, let Him answer, listen to what the Ruach is putting in our heart.**

We are humans, at times we get weary. Believe me I know. And even depressed just as Elijah, Moses, David and Peter and many others as we see in Scripture did. Again, I could have just kept going on, if you want to go into Job and many others; but it's life in this world. But all those true servants of Yahweh as human as they were, they allowed the Spirit of Yahweh to **convict and change** their lives. They **loved Yahweh** above all with all their heart, mind, and soul. They were **fervent, zealous and obedient.** And they **overcame their human nature by keeping a strong relationship with Yahweh through prayer.** If we stay focused and continue to pray without ceasing, so can we.

So I pray that this is a blessing because this is a cornerstone in our life, having proper prayer. Praise Yahweh that we have it recorded that you could listen to it again. But I just pray that your prayers will go up to the third Heaven and be heard. Yahweh bless.