

Monday Specific Prayer

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1. Read Daniel 2:14-23 – King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that troubled him. He wanted to know the meaning of the dream, and he wanted to be sure that the interpretation he received was true. He didn't tell anyone the dream. His assumption was that the person who was smart enough to tell him what the dream was could also give him the true meaning to it. He told his wise men that they would die if they didn't tell the dream and the meaning. Daniel was one of those wise men. His life was on the line. According to verse 16, what did Daniel ask of the king?
2. Daniel was apparently granted some time. Whom did he ask to pray with him?
3. According to verse 18, what did these four young men agree that they would ask from God?
4. Why did they ask for that?
5. According to verse 19, how did God answer their prayer?
6. What did Daniel do after he received the answer to his prayer?
7. Daniel was thankful that God answered their prayer. He told the king's messenger that he had an answer for the king. According to verses 27-28, to Whom did Daniel give credit for revealing the dream?

Whenever God answers a prayer, He should receive the credit. After all He is the One Who answered; we just asked because we were powerless anyway.

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1. Read I Samuel 1:7-20 – Hannah was one of Elkanah's two wives. Hannah was unable to have children. The other wife, Peninnah, provoked Hannah because she was unable to have children. Every year, they went to the temple. Hannah's heart was broken. According to verse 10, what did she do in her time of sorrow?
2. For what did Hannah ask in verse 11?
3. What did Hannah promise God in exchange for giving her a son?
4. Describe Hannah's fervency as she prayed in verses 12-13.
5. After Hannah straightened out a little misunderstanding with Eli the priest, what did Eli assure Hannah would happen?
6. According to verse 19, what did Hannah do when she knew that her prayer was answered?
7. Verse 19 says that God remembered Hannah, just as she asked. What happened in verse 20?
8. Read verse 27 – How does it summarize the whole story?

Hannah prayed specifically for God to remember her and give her a son. God did exactly that. Hannah prayed specifically and she received specifically. Now you pray specifically!

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1. Read Joshua 10:1-14 – Israel made a treaty with the Gibeonites that they should not have made. At this point in time, Israel had already defeated Jericho and Ai. The surrounding cities were worried that they would be next. Five of them made an alliance and tried to destroy Gibeon and stop Israel in the process. According to verse 6, what did the Gibeonites do when they saw the approaching armies?
2. Even though they made a treaty they shouldn't have made, Joshua was a man of character and honored his word. He gathered the army and went to Gibeon to help. What promise did God give Joshua in verse 8?
3. They travelled all night to get to Gibeon. According to verse 10, what did God begin to do in the morning?
4. What else did God do in verse 11 to help Israel?
5. Apparently, the day was getting late, and the enemy had not yet been completely defeated. What amazing thing did Joshua ask God to do in verse 12?
6. What happened in verse 13?
7. How does verse 14 describe the magnitude of the answer to Joshua's prayer?

Don't think you can procrastinate on your work, and God will stop time while you finish. Be encouraged, though, that God will hear and answer specific prayers!

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1. Read Judges 6:34-40 – Gideon is not known as the bravest person who ever lived. He lived during a time when Israel was in captivity to Midian. An angel told him that God would use him to deliver Israel from the Midianites. Gideon, lacking faith and confidence in God, asked for a sign. The angel gave one, and Gideon was ready to go, but he needed to convince everyone else that he was the man for the job. What did he do in verses 34-35?
2. In the sight of all the people who were gathered together there, Gideon asked God to prove Himself again. What did He specifically ask God to do in verse 37?
3. What happened in verse 38?
4. Just to be sure that no one Gideon was doing some kind of trick, what did he specifically ask God to do this time in verse 39?
5. What happened in verse 40?
6. We don't need to ask for God to give signs today because we have His Word. What do Gideon's prayers teach you about specific prayer?

Don't be afraid to be specific when you pray. You can't ask God for something that is too hard or complex for Him to handle.

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1. Just so you don't begin to think that specific prayers are only answered in the Old Testament, we'll look at two examples from the New Testament, one today and one tomorrow. Read James 5:13-18 – According to verses 13-15, what is the right thing to do in any situation of life?
2. What confidence does verse 16 give us as we pray?
3. Verses 17-18 illustrate the principle that “the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James used Elias or Elijah as his illustration. How did he describe Elijah at the beginning of verse 17?
4. Why is that such an important thing to mention?
5. How did James say that Elijah prayed?
6. What specific thing did he ask in verse 17?
7. What did he get?
8. What specific thing did he ask in verse 18?
9. What did he get?

If a man of like passions as we are can pray specifically and receive specific answers, what is stopping you from praying and receiving specifically? Take time today to ask God to do some specific things. Pray fervently and watch God work.

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1. Here's another New Testament example specific prayer and specific answers. Read Mark 10:46-52 – As Jesus and His disciples came into the city, who was begging on the roadside?
2. When he heard that Jesus was coming, what did he begin to ask Jesus?
3. The people around him told him to be quiet. According to verse 48, what did Bartimaeus do in response?
4. Jesus heard that Bartimaeus was fervently praying to Him. He asked that Bartimaeus be brought to Him. What did the people say to Bartimaeus in verse 49?
5. Bartimaeus was able to be comforted because he was assured that Jesus was willing to hear him. Did Bartimaeus waste any time in getting to Jesus?
6. Jesus basically gave Bartimaeus a blank check in verse 51. What specific thing did he ask from Jesus?
7. According to verse 52, what was it that God rewarded? What made Bartimaeus whole?
8. How long did he have to wait to receive his sight?

Bartimaeus received comfort and confidence in knowing that Jesus was going to hear him. He wasted no time in going to Jesus. We have the same invitation from the Father to let our requests be made known to Him. He will hear you, so be specific when you pray to Him.

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1. This is a highly specific prayer that received a highly specific answer. Read Genesis 24:12-21 – Abraham gave his servant a difficult task: find a wife for his son, Isaac. The servant wasn't finding a wife for his own son; he had to find a wife for someone else's son. He had to find a wife in a city where he knew no one. No problem? That's a lot of pressure! He surely didn't want to mess up this job! He did the right thing. He obeyed Abraham, went to the designated city, and did what?
2. Abraham's servant wanted to be absolutely sure that he was going home with the right woman. According to verse 14, what specific things did he ask to happen?
3. According to verse 15, how soon after he prayed did he begin to see the answer to his prayer?
4. What does verse 16 tell about her qualifications to be a good wife?
5. According to verses 17-20, were the details of his prayer answered completely and exactly?
6. What was his reaction in verse 21?

The servant was almost amazed at what he was seeing. It shouldn't be surprising that God answers prayer. He knew Abraham's servant's situation, and He knows all about ours. Be specific in your prayers, but don't be surprised at God's answer.