

THE NECESSITY OF PRAYER (Mark 11:20-26)

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TEXT—Mark 11:20-26

MAIN IDEA—God works through the prayers of His people to accomplish His will and glorify His name.

MEMORY VERSES—Mt. 7:7-8

1-REMEMBER GOD'S WORKS (V20-21)—Only a day earlier, Jesus cursed the fig tree because it lacked fruit. This was a symbolic act pointing to God's judgment against Israel's vain worship, and their rejection of Christ as Messiah (**Mk. 11:17-18**).

Ps. 143:5-8

*Remembering God's past works and faithfulness encourages present faith in God

Rom. 15:4

The whole Bible is here for us to build our faith to help us remember God's works and pray to Him in Faith. If you're struggling with faith in God read Heb.11 everyday this week, remembering God's works, then pray. YOUR FAITH WILL GROW!

2-TRUST IN GOD'S CHARACTER (V22-23)—Faith in God is living with an attitude of dependence on God; constantly trusting God. God is the source of true power that moves mountains, therefore He must be the object of our faith.

Rom. 10:17

*Jesus uses the metaphor of a Mountain to teach about the power of faith in God. In Jewish imagery a mountain signified something strong and immovable, a major problem or obstacle that stands in the way.

3-KEEP ASKING (V24)—Jesus makes the simple but profound statement that Before we believe that we have received anything from God, we must ask in prayer.

Jn. 15:7, 16

*****Go to the Word. Find out what it says. Meditate on it then ask.**

2 Cor. 12:9-10

WALK IN FORGIVENESS (V25-26)—Effective prayer must be offered in faith but also in a spirit of forgiveness in order to avoid being hindered.

Eph. 4:32

POINT-Get right with others so that our lives honor God and our prayers do the same.

Thou art coming to a King, Large petitions with thee bring; For His grace and power are such, None can ever ask too much; None can ever ask too much.