

REAL PRAYER BREAKS THROUGH

Conversations with God

Nehemiah 1:4–11

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1. REAL PRAYER STARTS WITH _____ BEFORE GOD

When I heard these words, I sat down and wept. I mourned for a number of days, fasting and praying before the God of the heavens. Nehemiah 1:4

The Lord is near the brokenhearted; he saves those crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18

⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be miserable and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. James 4:8–10

2. REAL PRAYER IS ROOTED IN GOD'S _____

I said, Lord, the God of the heavens, the great and awe-inspiring God who keeps his gracious covenant with those who love him and keep his commands. Nehemiah 1:5

Going a little farther, he fell facedown and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” Matthew 26:39

Keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2

²¹ Yet I call this to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²² Because of the Lord's faithful love we do not perish, for his mercies never end. ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness! Lamentations 3:21–23

3. REAL PRAYER PREPARES US TO ____ OF THE ANSWER

Please, Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant and to that of your servants who delight to revere your name. Give your servant success today, and grant him compassion in the presence of this man. Nehemiah 1:11

Then I heard the voice of the Lord asking: Who will I send? Who will go for us? I said: Here I am. Send me. Isaiah 6:8

In the same way faith, if it does not have works, is dead by itself. James 2:17

⁹ If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation. Romans 10:9–10