



Scripture of the Quarter

“¹⁶Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

James 5:16 NKJV

The Power of Fervent Prayer

The world we live in today is filled with chaos, confusion, and misinformation (fake news) defining what is truth. We as believers, must depend on the Bible for the “TRUTH.” Jesus makes it plain in **John 14:6** *Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”* Here, is the only truth we as believers should believe! How many of you know this fact, the news media is owned by six large corporations who spin the reports to favor their personal agendas. So, “the truth” is what “they” say it is! This is why I tell people to study the Bible, not just read it. Nowhere in the Bible is there a verse that says you should read your Bible. There is a verse that says “STUDY” found in **2 Timothy 2:15** (AMP) ¹⁵*Study and do your best to present yourself to God approved, a workman [tested by trial] who has no reason to be ashamed, accurately handling and skillfully teaching the word of truth.*

The Apostle Paul, penned this description of the chaos we are living in today, centuries ago in **2 Timothy 3:1-5** (AMP) ¹*But understand this, that in the last days dangerous times [of great stress and trouble] will come [difficult*

days that will be hard to bear]. ²For people will be lovers of self [narcissistic, self-focused], lovers of money [impelled by greed], boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane, ³[and they will be] unloving [devoid of natural human affection, calloused and inhumane], irreconcilable, malicious gossips, devoid of self-control [intemperate, immoral], brutal, haters of good, ⁴traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of [sensual] pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵holding to a form of [outward] godliness (religion), although they have denied its power [for their conduct nullifies their claim of faith]. Avoid such people and keep far away from them.

Now, I have stated all of this to ask you, How will you make it through these chaotic days? The answer is study your Bible, learn the “TRUTH” and Trust (adhere to like glue) the Word of God, while praying fervent prayers, asking God, to guide you and direct your path to stay on the narrow road which leads you to your destiny in Jesus! Let’s look at the meaning of the word fervent, in the Greek to realize the exact meaning; fervent is Greek

Strong’s Number: 1618 *ektenes* means without ceasing, earnestly, with intent. So, if we think we can pray a prayer without emotion and feeling from our hearts to get the LORD to move on our behalf we are fooling ourselves. God wants to hear your **heart felt fervent prayers**. Prayers with a specific zeal (intense enthusiasm) of what your needs are. This is the way I begin my prayers with this proclamation; “Lord I enter your gates with thanksgiving and your courts with praise” and then continue. We also pray in the Holy Spirit (tongues), as we have received the promise that Jesus told the disciples to wait for in Jerusalem, the gift from the Father, the **Baptism of the Holy Spirit**. Many believers have this same free gift listed in **Luke 11:13**. If Jesus believed it was important then we should be praying daily in the Holy Spirit as it states in **Ephesians 6:18** and **Jude 20**. In **Romans 8:26** ...for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us.

There are many prayers listed in the Bible and I will list a few. The first prayer is called the prayer of FAITH found in **James 5:14-15** (AMP) ¹⁴*Is anyone among you sick? He must call for the elders (spiritual leaders) of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; ¹⁵and the prayer of faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.* This prayer is also called the prayer with a double cure, as they will be healed and their sins they committed are forgiven! The next prayer we all know is referred to as the “**Sinners Prayer**” found in **Psalms 51**.

I will let you look it up and study. This is a very powerful prayer prayed, by King David after the prophet Nathan confronted him about the act of adultery David committed with Bathsheba. This is one of the greatest examples of a fervent, repentant prayer, because of David's truly repentant heart. Think about this David committed adultery, coveted another man's wife, and had the man murdered to hide his sinful acts. Even though he broke all of these commandments of God (**Ten Commandments**) **God is quoted in Acts 13:22 (NIV)** *22After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'* Why? The reason; David truly repented from his heart! In other words, David didn't give God lip service, he gave Him his heart. Remember what Jesus told the Pharisees of His day in **Matthew 15:8** *This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far away from Me.*

Let's talk about the "days of Elijah" and the fervent prayer he prayed to Jehovah God, and received an immediate response. Let me quote Jonathan Cahn "Elijah is gone, so we have to be the Elijah's of the day", as we are living in very similar times! We all know the story, Elijah lived in the days of King Ahab and his wife Jezebel. The bible states in **1 Kings 16:30 (AMP)** *30Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord more than all [the kings] who were before him.* Elijah was very upset at the people as they were faltering between worshiping Baal the false god of the day and Jehovah the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel. So, Elijah put forth a challenge to 450 false prophets of Jezebel on Mount Carmel. We read in **1 Kings 18:25 (AMP)** *25Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare it first, since there are many of you; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under it."* Now let's pick up the story in verses 26-29. *26So they took the bull that was given to them and prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from*

morning until noon, saying, "O Baal, hear and answer us." But there was no voice and no one answered. And they leaped about the altar which they had made. 27At noon Elijah mocked them, saying, "Cry out with a loud voice, for he is a god; either he is occupied, or he is out [at the moment], or he is on a journey. Perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened!" 28So they cried out with a loud voice [to get Baal's attention] and cut themselves with swords and lances in accordance with their custom, until the blood flowed out on them. 29As midday passed, they played the part of prophets and raved dramatically until the time for offering the evening sacrifice; but there was no voice, no one answered, and no one paid attention.

Summarizing this true story, Elijah steps up and tells the people, "Come near to me" he then repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down. Elijah took 12 stones representing the twelve tribes of Israel. Elijah then built an altar in the name of the Lord and made a trench around the altar of God. He then put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, "Fill four water pots with water and pour it on the sacrifice and the wood." Then he told them pour water on it three more times. Now let's read the **63 word fervent prayer** prayed to the true God, Jehovah and received immediate results; **1 Kings 18:36-37 (NKJV)** *36And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. 37Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You are the Lord God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again."*

Let's look at how our God Jehovah responded in **1 Kings 18:38-39 (AMP)** *38Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood, and even the stones and the*

dust; it also licked up the water in the trench. 39When all the people saw it, they fell face downward; and they said, "The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!"

It is sad, but true, this is what it takes to get some people's attention as to who the true and living God is and what He is capable of! What will it take to change you or your loved ones so that you will turn back to the LORD and His ways!

The last fervent prayer I will mention is what I call the "**MIRACLE**" prayer. The prayer of salvation. It involves death of the old man (or woman) and the resurrection of the new man (or woman). The Bible tells us in **Romans 10:9-10 (AMP)** *9because if you acknowledge and confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord [recognizing His power, authority, and majesty as God], and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10For with the heart a person believes [in Christ as Savior] resulting in his justification [that is, being made righteous—being freed of the guilt of sin and made acceptable to God]; and with the mouth he acknowledges and confesses [his faith openly], resulting in and confirming [his] salvation.*

The miracle that takes place for those individuals who truly mean what this verse says and give Jesus their heart is a miracle. If you give Jesus your heart He will change your life forever, you will no longer be selfish, self-centered, cussing all the time, getting drunk, or committing adultery. I could go on and on but you understand what I'm stating. I know as Jesus radically changed my life as I was headed to hell. I'm blessed He called me. Jesus words say it best **John 10:27 (AMP)** *27The sheep that are My own hear My voice and listen to Me; I know them, and they follow Me.*

In closing—remember we are in the very last days before Jesus comes. **1st Thessalonians 4:16-17**. The safest place to be is in Yeshua/Jesus the true "VINE" and Messiah.