

MATTHEW 2'1:2'1-22

AND JESUS ANSWERED THEM,

"TRULY, I SAY TO YOU,

IF YOU HAVE FAITH AND DO NOT DOUST,

YOU WILL NOT ONLY DO

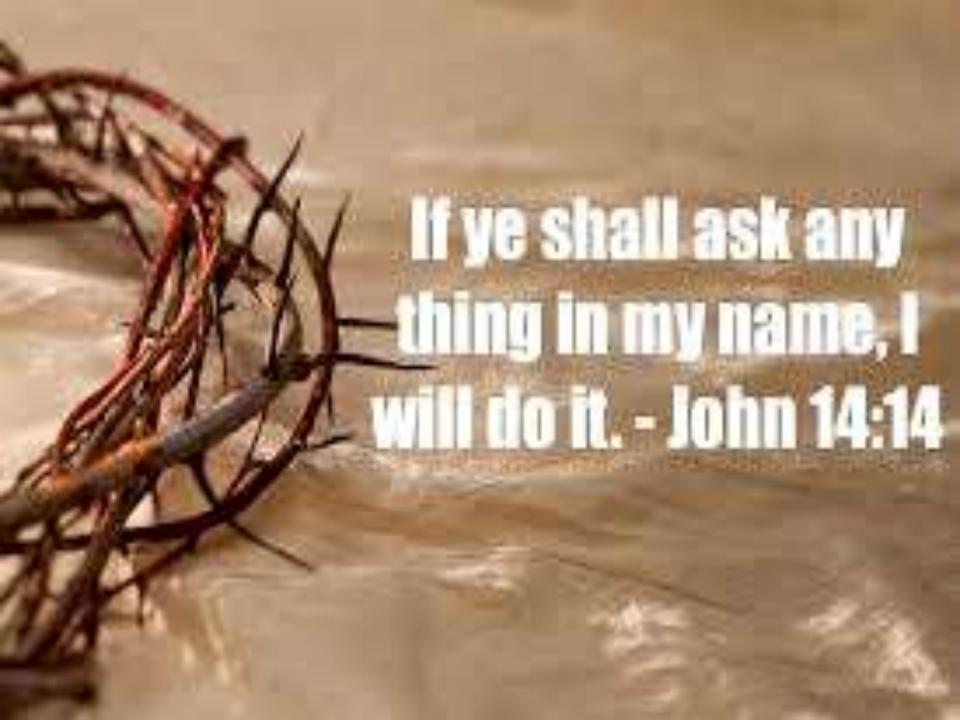
WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO THE FIG TREE,

BUT EVEN IF YOU SAY TO THIS MOUNTAIN,

'BE TAKEN UP AND THROWN INTO THE SEA,'

IT WILL HAPPEN.

AND WHATEVER YOU ASK IN PRAYER,
YOU WILL RECEIVE,
IF YOU HAVE FAITH!"



Prayer isn't a last resort to turn to in an emergency.

 When Abraham, at an advanced age, desired God to give him a child of his wife, Sarah, God miraculously strengthened Sarah's womb, so she could bear him a son.

Jacob, the grandson of Abraham, once a common adventurer, but later on became a Prince with God, wrestled with God in a night of prayer, even while his brother Esau rode toward him with an army seeking vengeance.

He prevailed with God, and God prevailed with Esau (Genesis 32-33).

Jerusalem was invaded by a superior force of Assyrians who had been invariably successful in all previous campaigns. The resources of Hezekiah were no match for their great army. But Hezekiah prayed, and that night a plague of death struck the invading host. By morning 185,000 men lay dead (2 Kings 19:15-35).

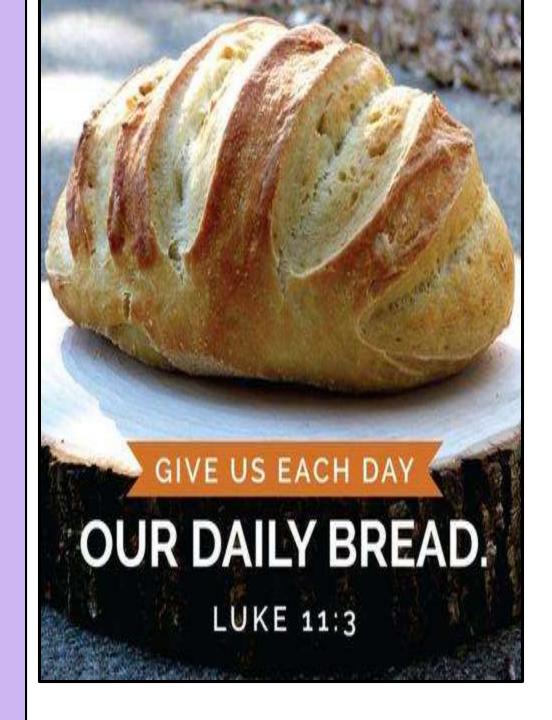
- Shortly after this, Hezekiah was sick unto death. In the natural order of t hings there was no hope for his recovery, but Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, and pleaded with God. The result was fifteen more years were added to his life
- (2 Kings 20).

Elijah prayed for the widow's son who had died. Never before had life returned to any person after death had come. There was no precedent for raising the dead in all of history. Yet, the prayer of Elijah reversed time and caused the dead boy to open his eyes and return to this world (1 Kings 17:20-23).

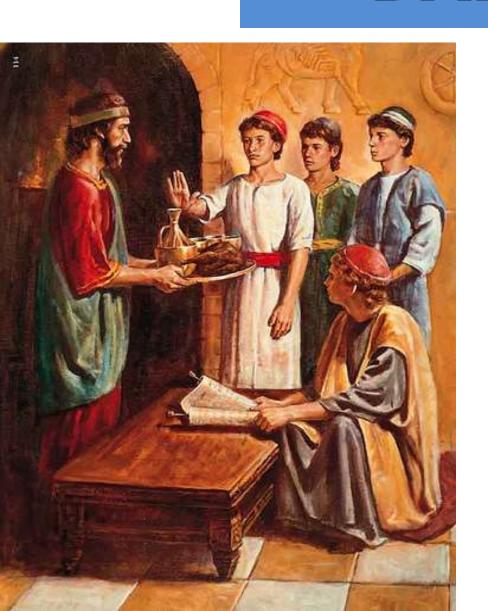
Daniel, God's faithful prophet, prayed for the restoration of Jerusalem, which had been lying in ashes since the days Of Nebuchadnezzar's invasion. He was still alive to see it because King Cyrus made the decree which permitted the Jews to return to their city to rebuild (Daniel 9).

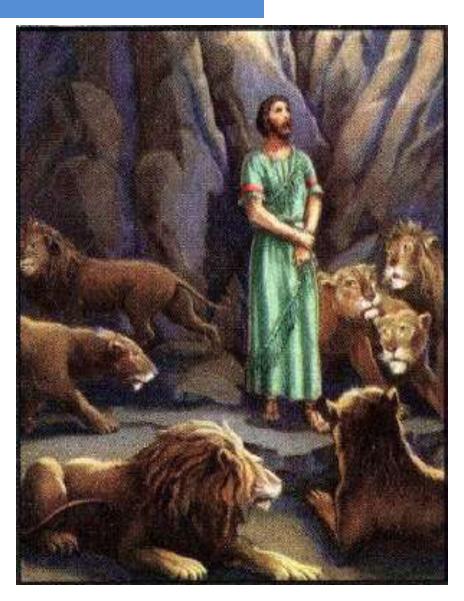
Peter was cast into prison, and orders had been given for his execution. The church prayed without ceasing for his release, and lo, an angel of the Lord visited the prison and led Peter to safety. We see, again and again, how God answered prayer for every conceivable need of His people and under every imaginable circumstance. Whether it was deliverance from sickness, a miracle supply, preservation from danger,





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Daniel 5:11

There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, I say, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers;

He who moves mountains must make prayer a life habit. He, like Daniel, must regularly meet with His God. Prayer must become as natural as breathing. With such prayer, men defeat spiritual forces arrayed against them that no human means could overcome. By such continuous prayer, the enemy is kept at bay, and a hedge of protection is maintained about us and evil cannot touch us.

Mountains are beneficial because they serve as reminders of our inability and God's ability.

• There is such a thing as prayer that moves mountains. However, he who would pray this prayer must also be willing to meet and overcome the temptations involved in moving mountains.