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PRAYING THE PROMISES: PLEADING WITH GOD

Be strong and courageous. In times of distress turn to God in prayer and ask Him to fulfill His promises to His people.

ATTITUDE OF HUMILITY AND EXPECTANCY:

We come with a twofold attitude of both abject humility and courageous expectancy. We don't dictate to God, even when claiming His promises. But we do come boldly, reverentially, before His throne.

ACKNOWLEDGE AND CONFESS SIN.

We come before God acknowledging our sinfulness and confessing our sins as the Holy Spirit brings them to remembrance. We must not deceive ourselves into thinking that the Lord will honor our requests if we harbor unconfessed sin in our lives or if we are living in a condition of disobedience to His revealed will in the Bible.

BRING SPECIFIC CONCERNS AND DETAILS TO GOD.

It is not that the omniscient Lord needs more information; rather, in doing this, our thoughts clarify, and the Lord can help us better understand and gain perspective on our current situation.

FOCUS ON GOD'S CHARACTER.

It is good to remind the Lord of certain related character qualities, not only pleading that He act in keeping with His character, but also asking Him to build these into our lives during this testing of our faith.

BASE OUR REQUESTS ON THE PROMISES IN GOD'S WORD.

Though we do make specific requests, we again must yield to the Lord the right to answer in His way and in His time. He alone can see all things; He knows what circumstances and timing are best for us. Having a demanding spirit regarding either the means or the time of God's answer is a sign of spiritual immaturity.