

November 7th, 2008 Messianic Service
Prayer Encounter
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Torah Portion:

Genesis 18:22-33

22 Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the L-RD.

23 And Abraham came near and said, "Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked?"

24 Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it?

25 Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

26 So the L-RD said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes."

27 Then Abraham answered and said, "Indeed now, I who *am but* dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the L-rd:

28 Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for *lack of five*?"

So He said, "If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy *it*."

29 And he spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose there should be forty found there?"

So He said, "I will not do *it* for the sake of forty."

30 Then he said, "Let not the L-rd be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?"

So He said, "I will not do *it* if I find thirty there."

31 And he said, "Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the L-rd: Suppose twenty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not destroy *it* for the sake of twenty."

32 Then he said, "Let not the L-rd be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy *it* for the sake of ten."

33 So the L-RD went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.

Service Portion:

1) Prayer is a relationship (Pray without ceasing).

1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 18

16 Rejoice always,

17 pray without ceasing,

18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of G-d in Yeshua for you.

2) Prayer is about opening and closing doors.

Matthew 24:38 – 45

38 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."

39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

40 Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour?
41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."
42 Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done."
43 And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.
44 So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.
45 Then He came to His disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

3) Prayer is about experiencing and revealing G-d's glory.
Luke 9:28 – 32

28 Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray.
29 *As He prayed*, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening.
30 And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah,
31 who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.
32 But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him.

4) Prevailing prayer will bring G-d's peace and protection to your life.
Philippians 4:6 & 7

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to G-d;
7 and the peace of G-d, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through the Messiah.