

**PRAYER SCHOOL -  
THE POWER PRAYER  
LESSON 6**

This is the desire of my heart and one of the reasons we have Prayer School, Tuesday morning prayer, Wednesday night prayer, and Monday and Thursday morning prayer. We want prayer to be the power source that will bring change to our cities, our nation, and our world.

Last week we learned more about Dunamas – Strength and Power And Exousia power – authority and capability

**Prayer will move us into these realms as we develop and discipline ourselves to become people of prayer.**

ACTS 12:

**<sup>5</sup> Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.**

**<sup>6</sup> And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.**

**<sup>7</sup> And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.**

**<sup>8</sup> And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.**

**<sup>9</sup> And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.**

**<sup>10</sup> When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his**

own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

<sup>11</sup> And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the LORD hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

<sup>12</sup> And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.

<sup>13</sup> And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda.

<sup>14</sup> And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.

<sup>15</sup> And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel.

<sup>16</sup> But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished.

- It is amazing that even then the church found it hard to believe it when their prayers had been answered.
- In order for Peter to be released the people had to ask
- Peter was also required to get up! (**That will preach**)

I Samuel 1

<sup>5</sup> And though he loved Hannah, he would give her only one choice portion<sup>[b]</sup> because the LORD had given her no children. <sup>6</sup> So Peninnah would taunt Hannah and make fun of her because the LORD had kept her from having children. <sup>7</sup> Year after year it was the same—Peninnah would taunt Hannah as they went to the Tabernacle.<sup>[c]</sup> Each time, Hannah would be reduced to tears and would not even eat.

<sup>8</sup> “Why are you crying, Hannah?” Elkanah would ask. “Why aren’t you eating? Why be downhearted just because you have no children? You have me—isn’t that better than having ten sons?”

## Hannah's Prayer for a Son

<sup>9</sup> Once after a sacrificial meal at Shiloh, Hannah got up and went to pray. Eli the priest was sitting at his customary place beside the entrance of the Tabernacle.<sup>[d]</sup><sup>10</sup> Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the LORD. <sup>11</sup> And she made this vow: "O LORD of Heaven's Armies, if you will look upon my sorrow and answer my prayer and give me a son, then I will give him back to you. He will be yours for his entire lifetime, and as a sign that he has been dedicated to the LORD, his hair will never be cut.<sup>[e]</sup>"

<sup>12</sup> As she was praying to the LORD, Eli watched her. <sup>13</sup> Seeing her lips moving but hearing no sound, he thought she had been drinking. <sup>14</sup> "Must you come here drunk?" he demanded. "Throw away your wine!"

<sup>15</sup> "Oh no, sir!" she replied. "I haven't been drinking wine or anything stronger. But I am very discouraged, and I was pouring out my heart to the LORD. <sup>16</sup> Don't think I am a wicked woman! For I have been praying out of great anguish and sorrow."

<sup>17</sup> "In that case," Eli said, "go in peace! May the God of Israel grant the request you have asked of him."

<sup>18</sup> "Oh, thank you, sir!" she exclaimed. Then she went back and began to eat again, and she was no longer sad.

## Samuel's Birth and Dedication

<sup>19</sup> The entire family got up early the next morning and went to worship the LORD once more. Then they returned home to Ramah. When Elkanah slept with Hannah, the LORD remembered her plea, <sup>20</sup> and in due time she gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel,<sup>[f]</sup> for she said, "I asked the LORD for him."

## Fasting

Mark 9:29 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>29</sup> And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

We are to follow the example in the Word concerning fasting

**Esther Called the Jew to a fast**

- **Clarity Comes when we Fast**
- **We hear Gods voice in a different way**
- **We crucify the flesh with Fasting**