

TAKING PRAYER TO THE NEXT LEVEL

1. GOD'S WORD IS FLAWLESS:

PROVERBS 30:5 *"Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. NIV*

2. GOD'S NOT A LIAR:

PSALMS 145:13-19 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. *The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.* 14 The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. 15 The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. 16 You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. 17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made. 18 The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. 19 He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. NIV

3. WE ARE GOING TO GREATER THINGS THAN CHRIST:

JOHN 14:12-14 12 I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. *He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.* 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. NIV

4. WE ARE JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST:

ROMANS 8:14-17 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 *and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ*, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. NKJV

5. CHRIST HAS GIVEN US DOMONION OVER OUR ENEMIES AND THE EARTH:

LUKE 10:16-19-24 16 "He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." 17 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." 18 He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 *I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.* 20 However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." 21 At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure. 22 "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." 23 Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. 24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it." NIV
GENESIS 1:26 26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: *and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. KJV*

6. THE PRAYERS OF A RIGHTEOUS PERSON IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE:

JAMES 5:16 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. *The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. NIV*

7. OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS IS A FILTHY RAGS BEFORE GOD:

ISAIAH 64:6 6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and *all our righteous acts are like filthy rags*; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. NIV

8. GOD COUNTS OUR FAITH AS RIGHTEOUSNESS:

ROMANS 4:5 5 However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, *his faith is credited as righteousness.* NIV

9. GOD HEARS AND ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS:

PSALMS 34:17-20 17 *The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.* 18 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. 19 A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all; 20 he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken. NIV

PROVERBS 15:29 29 The LORD is far from the wicked, But *He hears the prayer of the righteous.* NKJV

10. WHEN WE NEED A BREAK THROUGH WE PRAISE GOD FOR IT:

JEHOSHAPHAT 2 CHRONICLES 20:1-26 20:1 After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to make war on Jehoshaphat. 2 *Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, "A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the Sea. It is already in Hazazon Tamar" (that is, En Gedi).* 3 Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the LORD, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. 4 The people of Judah came together to seek help from the LORD; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him. 5 Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the LORD in the front of the new courtyard 6 and said: "O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you. 7 O our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? 8 They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, 'If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.' 10 "But now here are men from Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade when they came from Egypt; so they turned away from them and did not destroy them. 11 See how they are repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance. 12 O our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you." 13 All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the LORD. 14 *Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly.* 15 He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. 16 Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. 17 You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.'" 18 Jehoshaphat bowed with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD. 19 Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the LORD, the God of Israel, with very loud voice. 20 Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; *have faith in his prophets and you will be successful.*" 21 After consulting the people, *Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever."* 22 *As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.* 23 *The men of Ammon and Moab rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir,*

they helped to destroy one another. 24 When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked toward the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped. 25 *So Jehoshaphat and his men went to carry off their plunder, and they found among them a great amount of equipment and clothing and also articles of value-more than they could take away. There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it.* 26 On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Beracah, where they praised the LORD. This is why it is called the Valley of Beracah to this day. NIV

11. GOD INHABITS OUR PRAISES TO HIM:

PSALMS 22:3 3 But thou art holy, *O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.* KJV

12. WHEN WE PRAISE GOD; THE EARTH YIELDS TO US AND GOD BLESSES US:

PSALMS 67:5-7 5 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. 6 *Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.* 7 *God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.* KJV

13. THEN WE WILL SEE SATAN (OUR PROBLEM) FALL LIKE LIGHTENING:

LUKE 10:16-18-24 16 "He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." 17 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." 18 He replied, "*I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.*" 19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. 20 However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." 21 At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure. 22 "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." 23 Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. 24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it." NIV

14. WITH FAITH AND PATIENCE WE RECEIVE THE PROMISES OF GOD:

HEBREWS 6:12 12 We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who *through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.* NIV