

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

MOVING THE HAND OF GOD

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Is it possible for a Christian to influence God to do something on their behalf? Does God care for details in your life? If so, where can we find this in the Bible?

OUR POSITION IN CHRIST

Toward the end of his ministry, Jesus told the disciples that He had made an arrangement with the Father about praying in his name and with the authority of Jesus. **John 14: 8-18**

Earlier in his ministry on earth, Jesus had taught His disciple how to pray, when to pray and to expect answers to prayer. **Luke 11:1-13**

The apostle Paul informed us that believers in Christ are joint heirs with Jesus. **Romans 8:14-17**

The apostles Peter and John stated that a Christian is both a king and a priest at the same time. **1 Peter 2:1-10; Revelation 1:4-6**

Having established our credentials in Christ, is there any evidence in the Bible that man has been able to move the hand of God?

ELIJAH AND FIRE FROM HEAVEN

Elijah was a man who knew God intimately but still didn't know his future and had to deal with life on a daily basis. When he was told to prophecy against the King Ahaziah of Samaria he was in fact pronouncing a death sentence upon himself because no man could speak negatively to a king and keep his life. Nevertheless, Elijah delivered the message and took off. **2 Kings 1:1-4**

Ahaziah got the message but was not happy and wanted to arrest Elijah with the intent to torture and kill him. **verses 5-9**

It is extremely important for us to understand that Elijah did not know whether God would save his life, but he still spoke in faith, *expecting to move the hand of God!* If you do not expect God to move on your behalf, He will agree with your unbelief and do nothing! **verses 10-12**

The judgments from God created fear and respect in the eyes of the Samaritan army. **verses 13-14**

God told Elijah to go with the captain and his men to tell the Ahaziah in person that he had sinned and was a dead man. The king was unable to do harm to Elijah before he died. **verses 15-17**

DANIEL AND THE ANGEL FROM GOD

Daniel wanted to move the hand of God so that the people of Judah could return back to Jerusalem and the land. It had been some 70 years since Daniel had



been carried captive to Babylon and he was now in his 90's and wanted action from God. God is not affected by time but Daniel was running out of time and knew that he had to fulfill his obligations to move the hand of God:

1. Prayer and fasting. **Daniel 9:1-3**
2. Confessing and repenting of the national sin of Judah. **verses 4-19**

Daniel did not hold back anything and there was no pride in his prayer; instead, he bared his heart and appealed for God's mercy.

Daniel was determined to see the people of Judah return to Jerusalem before he died. Daniel expected God to respond positively because He had given Jeremiah a promise. Jeremiah 25:11; 29:10

The angel Gabriel was dispatched from heaven, who told Daniel that God had responded at the very beginning of his prayer. **Daniel 9:20-24**

Then Daniel received a bonus as Gabriel told him the good news of the coming Messiah. **verses 25-27**

SUMMARY

*You cannot live in sin and expect to move the hand of God. **Repentance is mandatory!** James 3:13-18*

You have to make up your mind whether you are going to drift in life or take control of your destiny? **Luke 11:9-13**

Everything has to be done in faith! **Hebrews 11:1-6**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Have you made plans on how to finish your life or are you just drifting?

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?