

Have Faith that Moves Mountains-Part 1 (By Rev. Anthony Menzel, March 20, 2022)

2) Make sure that you are praying according to God's Will.

1 John 5:14-17

14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. **15** And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin *which does not lead* to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not *leading* to death. There is sin *leading* to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. **17** All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not *leading* to death.

The only sin that leads to permanent spiritual death is the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit...

Matthew 12:27-32

27 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? Therefore they shall be your judges. **28** But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. **29** Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. **30** He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

The Unpardonable Sin

31 "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy *against* the Spirit will not be forgiven men. **32** Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the *age* to come.

One thing we can pray is that the people we are praying for will never be involved in sin that leads to death.

That is part of why Abundant Love's prayer "God's Fast-Acting Vitamins" is so powerful: It extensively refers to covering people with the blood of Jesus Christ.

Such a covering will keep the darkness, including sin that leads to death, out of our lives.

The Scriptural foundation for asking God to cover us with the blood of Jesus Christ bears repeating because that spiritual covering is so powerful.

Leviticus 17:10-11

10 ‘And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who eats any blood, I will set My face against that person who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people. **11** For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it *is* the blood *that* makes atonement for the soul.’

The only blood we should drink is the blood of Jesus Christ in communion.

This is confirmed in the New Testament as well.

Acts 15:19-20

19 Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God, **20** but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, *from* [f]sexual immorality, *from* things strangled, and *from* blood.

That life that we obtain from being covered by the blood of Jesus Christ expels the darkness from our lives.

There will be consequences for disobedience, especially when we don't repent, but at the same time, anyone who is covered by the blood of Jesus Christ will receive special protection from God, even if that protection manifests itself as the discipline necessary to save that person's soul.

John 1:4-5

4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. **5** And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not [a]comprehend it.

**When we talk about praying according to God's Will, an important area to understand is God's healing power, especially for the body.

The only time it is not God's Will to fully manifest healing is when there is a specific purpose for the sickness

For example,

a) Sickness that leads to death...

2 Kings 13:14

14 Elisha had become sick with the illness of which he would die. Then Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over his face, and said, “O my father, my father, the chariots of Israel and their horsemen!”

It is wonderful to see how God used Elisha even when he was sick at the end of his life...

b) The Lord Jesus wants to keep us humble.

1 Corinthians 12:7-10

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to [b]buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. **8** Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. **9** And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. **10** Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Further confirmation that the apostle Paul battled with physical illness...

Galatians 4:13-15

13 You know that because of physical infirmity I preached the gospel to you at the first. **14** And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an [e]angel of God, *even* as Christ Jesus. **15** [f]What then was the blessing you *enjoyed*? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me.

c) Sometimes physical sickness is allowed in our lives as a form of discipline to prevent us from falling into sin or even falling away from God...

1 Corinthians 11:28-32

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. **29** For he who eats and drinks [g]in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the [h]Lord’s body. **30** For this reason many *are* weak and sick among you, and many [i]sleep. **31** For if we would judge

ourselves, we would not be judged. **32** But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

Like we said last week, Jesus Christ wants to heal every sickness...

Matthew 8:16-17

16 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, **17** that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

“He Himself took our infirmities

And bore *our* sicknesses.”