GET PRAYERS ANSWERED (series)

**1—RECEIVE BEYOND YOUR AUTHORITY**

**Mark 11:22–24 (NKJV)** So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. **23** For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. **24** Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

**NOTICE…**

**IN VERSE 23… JESUS TEACHES US THAT WE CAN SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THINGS… AND IF WE BELIEVE WHAT WE SAY IT SHALL BE DONE.**

**AND NOW IN VERSE 24… JESUS IS TEACHING US THAT THERE ARE SOME THINGS WE CAN’T SPEAK DIRECTLY TO… SO WE NEED TO ASK GOD TO DO SOMETHING BEYOND OUR AUTHORITY.**

**I WANT TO SHOW YOU (TODAY’S TITLE) HOW TO “RECEIVE BEYOND YOUR AUTHORITY.”**

**LET’S TALK ABOUT THREE CATEGORIES OF CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN WE DON’T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO SOMETHING:**

1. **OTHER PEOPLE’S AUTHORITY**

**SOMETIMES THESE ARE THINGS THAT IMPOSE ON OTHER PEOPLE’S AUTHORITY AND WILL… AND THEREFORE REQUIRE THEM CHOOSE TO DO SOMETHING. SOME EXAMPLES:**

* **PEOPLE’S SALVATION**
* **A JUDGE’S OR A JURY’S DECISION**
* **PEOPLE’S RELATIONSHIP DECISIONS (e.g. OUR CHILDREN)**
* **THINGS PEOPLE SAY ABOUT YOU (EX – ONE MAN ASKS ME)**

**EX** – **One dear lady told Kimberly after last night’s service that she had been trying to speak to the mountain concerning a challenging situation with a certain friend… and it wasn’t working… but then she heard this message… so she made the adjustment and lifted up her prayer to God in the service… and before the service was dismissed… her friend texted her and asked her to have breakfast. She knew God had answered her.**

**EX** – **Kimberly and I have always rebuked the enemy on behalf of our children… but I remember a time with one of our children was a teenager… and it didn’t seem like anything was working. We were quoting Isaiah 54:13… pulling down strongholds… casting down arguments… and everything else we knew… but the situation didn’t seem to be improving. So we began crying out to the Lord to do what only he could do… to change the heart of our teenage child.**

1. **NOT IN A POSITION TO RECEIVE**

**Isaiah 1:19 (NASB 2020)** “If you are willing and obedient, You will eat the best of the land;

**BUT WHAT IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN WILLING AND OBEDIENT?**

**Malachi 3:10 (NKJV)** Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

**BUT WHAT IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN TITHING?**

**WHEN FEAR OVERTAKES US?**

**EX** – **PETER WALKING ON WATER… FEAR OVERTOOK HIM… BEGINNING TO SINK HE CRIED OUT… LORD, SAVE ME.**

1. **UNDER JUDGMENT**

**HEZEKIAH**

**Isaiah 1:1–5 (NCV)** This is the vision Isaiah son of Amoz saw about what would happen to Judah and Jerusalem. Isaiah saw these things while Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah were kings of Judah. **2** Heaven and earth, listen, because the Lord is speaking: “I raised my children and helped them grow up, but they have turned against me. **3** An ox knows its master, and a donkey knows where its owner feeds it, but the people of Israel do not know me; my people do not understand.” **4** How terrible! Israel is a nation of sin, a people loaded down with guilt, a group of children doing evil, children who are full of evil. They have left the Lord; they hate God, the Holy One of Israel, and have turned away from him as if he were a stranger. **5** Why should you continue to be punished? Why do you continue to turn against him? Your whole head is hurt, and your whole heart is sick.

**JUDAH CONTINUED TO SIN AGAINST GOD…. AND MANY YEARS LATER IN THE DAYS OF HEZEKIAH…**

**2 Kings 18:28–33 (NKJV)** Then the Rabshakeh stood and called out with a loud voice in Hebrew, and spoke, saying, “Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria! **29** Thus says the king: ‘Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he shall not be able to deliver you from his hand; **30** nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the Lord, saying, “The Lord will surely deliver us; this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.” ’ **…** **VERSE 33** Has any of the gods of the nations at all delivered its land from the hand of the king of Assyria?

**2 Kings 19:15–19 (NKJV)** Then Hezekiah prayed **…**  **VERSE 19** Now therefore, O Lord our God, I pray, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the Lord God, You alone.” **… VERSE 35** And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the Lord went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead. **36** So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away….

**2 Kings 20:1–6 (NKJV)** In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, “Thus says the Lord: ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.’ ” **2** Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord, saying, **3** “Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly. **4** And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him, saying, **5** “Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: “I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord. **6** And I will add to your days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake, and for the sake of My servant David.” ’ ”

**LISTEN TO WHAT GOD SAID IN…**

**Isaiah 43:26 (NKJV)** Put Me in remembrance; Let us contend together; State your case, that you may be acquitted.

**MOSES PRAYED FOR ISRAEL**

**Exodus 32:7–14 (NKJV)** And the Lord said to Moses, “Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves. **8** They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!’ ” **9** And the Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people! **10** Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation.” **11** Then Moses pleaded with the Lord his God, and said: “Lord, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? **12** Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, ‘He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and relent from this harm to Your people. **13** Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” **14** So the Lord relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people.

**LISTEN TO…**

**Psalm 107:17–20 (NASB 2020)** Fools, because of their rebellious way, And because of their guilty deeds, were afflicted. **18** Their souls loathed all kinds of food, And they came close to the gates of death. **19** Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble; He saved them from their distresses. **20** He sent His word and healed them, And saved them from their destruction.

**THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED TO ISRAEL AGAIN AND AGAIN…**

**Psalm 106:35–45 (NKJV)** But they mingled with the Gentiles And learned their works; **36** They served their idols, Which became a snare to them. **37** They even sacrificed their sons And their daughters to demons, **38** And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with blood. **39** Thus they were defiled by their own works, And played the harlot by their own deeds. **40** Therefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled against His people, So that He abhorred His own inheritance. **41** And He gave them into the hand of the Gentiles, And those who hated them ruled over them. **42** Their enemies also oppressed them, And they were brought into subjection under their hand. **43** Many times He delivered them; But they rebelled in their counsel, And were brought low for their iniquity. **44** Nevertheless He regarded their affliction, When He heard their cry; **45** And for their sake He remembered His covenant, **And relented according to the multitude of His mercies**.

**WHAT DO YOU NEED GOD’S MERCIES FOR TODAY? LET’S STAND… AND CALL OUT TO THE LORD.**