

God's Reality

2 Kings 6:8-18

Ps. 125:2

Our reality is limited. We are both finite and fallen. We see through a glass darkly. We can't see that there is a much larger controlling reality. This is God's reality.

It's not that our natural reality is not real. It's just that we don't see the whole picture. Just as Elisha asked the Lord to open his servant's eyes so he could see the larger reality, we need the spiritual eyes of our understanding to be opened (Eph. 1:18-19).

In order to bring God's reality into our natural situation we have to learn to access it. When we learn how to do this, our faith will be stronger and our prayers will be more effective.

Here are the things we need to know.

1. God is available.

He is with us. He made a promise to never leave us or forsake us (Matt. 28:20). He has always been with us and always will be.

2. God is able.

We understand this instinctively. We know that God can do anything. He can meet any need we face (Matt. 28:18).

3. God is accessible.

This is where we often miss it. We have to learn and remember that God has made it possible for us to access his grace and power by faith (Eph. 1:18-21, Mk. 11:22-24).

We have to learn to access His greater perspective and reality. And we can, by leveraging God's power and presence by our faith. Faith is God's currency given to us. This is the key that brings His reality into our reality. But we must use it the way He instructs us to.

Faith is like a small key that can open a large door. Jesus compared it to a grain of mustard seed. If used correctly, mountains move and things change for our good and His glory. But we have to use it correctly. For example, we cannot throw a key at a door and expect the door to open.

This is the way we use our faith at times. We throw a prayer out but see no result, because we didn't use our faith correctly to unlock the door.

Here are the things to remember in prayer.

a. Pray from a Surrounded Perspective.

Keep His reality and authority in mind. If we forget about His greater reality, our prayers become wishes and we become weak in faith. We are praying from our perspective, not His. We have to develop the habit of praying from a surrounded perspective.

b. Speak from our hearts.

Jesus taught us to speak to mountains, obstacles to His will and things that oppose God's Kingdom.

Once we have a surrounded perspective, we should speak with faith in God. This speaking should come from our hearts, from our spirits, not our minds. Sometimes our minds are clouded with doubt. Faith is a product of the heart, not of the mind (Rom. 10:10). It affects the mind, but it does not originate there.

c. Leave it in God's hands.

God does not want us to try and figure out how He's going to meet our needs. That's where we get into trouble. When we can't figure it out we get discouraged. Doubts arise and faith is weakened. Trying to figure it out logically is a bad habit we have to replace with good habits.

Prov. 3:5-6

We cannot lean on our own understanding. We have to trust Him with all of our hearts, and we must seek Him with all of our hearts (Jer. 29:13).

If we can get in the habit of praying from a surrounded perspective, keeping our hearts engaged, and leaving it in God's hands, we will access and experience God's greater reality invading our physical reality. It is then that our needs are met and things happen for us on a more regular basis.