

# He Gives No Stones

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A SERIES ON THE  
PROMISES OF PRAYER



# MAN SPEAKS & GOD HEARS

A hand is shown from the wrist up, reaching upwards with fingers slightly spread, as if in prayer or reaching for something. The hand is positioned in the lower center of the frame. The background is a dark blue gradient with a bright light source in the upper right corner, creating a soft glow and lens flare effect.

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# Prayer Defined

- Prayer is abundant in Scripture
- Prayer is “speaking in God’s presence”
  - Requires relationship
  - Requires humility
  - Requires worship
  - Requires transparency
  - Requires trust
- Prayer is personal and vulnerable

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# Prayer is Effective

- Prayer should be our first reaction (James 5.13-18)
  - Suffering – pray
  - Rejoice – pray (in song)
  - Sick – pray with elders
- Prayer leads to solutions
  - Physical solutions
  - Spiritual solutions
- "The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect."

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# Elijah's Prayer

- Elijah prays for a drought (1 Kng 17.1)
- God promises to send rain again (1 Kng 18.1-2)
- Elijah prays for rain (1 Kng 18.41-46)

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# Praying Like Elijah

- Elijah did nothing supernatural in this prayer
  - He prayed for no rain
  - He prayed for rain
  - He trusted in God's promises
- We are to pray with the same trust
  - Prayer is not powerful
  - The God that answers prayers is powerful

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# The Pattern of Scripture

- All great prayer warriors trusted in their God
- Almost every time man spoke to God, God would hear their prayers
- There are 3 times in Scripture when God does not hear prayers
- God will not hear our prayers if we are holding on to our sin (Ps 66.16-20)

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# God's Desire in Prayer

- God does not need us to pray (Ps 139)
- God desires for us to pray (Pro 15.8)
- God desires to answers our prayers (Mat 7.7-11)

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