

Submission Through Prayer

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Hebrews 5:7–9

7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

- “...with loud cries and tears...” note the degree to which Jesus, in the flesh, was resisting God’s will
- “...because of his reverence...” God the Father heard and responded by sending an angel to strengthen because of Jesus’ reverence “...not my will, but yours...”

Hebrews 2:17-18

17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 4:15-16

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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8 Although he was a son, he learned (to gain knowledge or skills, come to realize, to increase in knowledge) obedience (submissive conformity) through what he suffered (to undergo an experience, to experience pain).

Romans 12:2

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Hebrews 5:14

"But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil."

- “...although he was a son...” no one, no matter who you are, escapes discipline from Father God
- “...learned obedience...” there is a spiritual, psychological, emotional skill-set that only the experience of suffering can bring, you cannot obtain this skill-set from anywhere, anyone or anything else and without it you are spiritually crippled
- What skill-set do I acquire through the continual practice and exercise of pain?
 - how to submit and obey even though it’s not what I want or what I think is best
 - how to submit and obey even though it hurts and causes me to suffer

- *how to draw moment by moment on God's immediate grace to enable and empower*
- *how to see and live for eternal treasures instead of temporal gratification*
- *how to wait on God instead of forcing my own way and timing*
- *the basics of prayer, worship, thanksgiving, Bible study, meditation*
- *distrust for myself and any human or natural source*
- *compassion and patience with others*
- *life priorities and balance*

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9 **And being made perfect** (*finish, complete, accomplish, fit out*), **he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.**

1 Peter 4:1–2

1 Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

2 so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.

Luke 22:39–46

39 And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him.

40 And when he came to the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

41 And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed,

42 saying, **“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.”**

43 And **there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him.**

44 And **being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.**

45 And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow,

46 and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? **Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.**”

Matthew 26:51–54

51 And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.

52 Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

53 **Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?**

54 **But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?”**