NEW LIFE CLASS

BRIDGING THE GAP

BETWEEN BIBLICAL LEARNING AND RADICAL LIVING



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Wanted: FireKeepers | Part 2

Lesson 13 • 1Kings 18:30-46

How Do FireKeepers Fan the Flame of Faith?

FireKeepers practice the spiritual skill of **INTERCESSION**.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit. James 5:16-18

FireKeepers Keep the Faith Burning by Intercessory Prayer

1. FireKeepers Intercede on the Basis of Christ's BLOOD Sacrifice / Atonement.

1Kings 18:30-35

*The people needed to get **RIGHT** with God before they could get any RAIN from God.*
Deuteronomy 11:16–17

➤ God provided a ***heavenly fire*** *(38a)* **[REDEMPTION / ATONEMENT]**

"In [Christ] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace" Ephesians 1:7

➤ God provided a ***consuming fire*** *(38b)* **[PROPITIATION]**

"whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith." Romans 3:25; see also Hebrews 2:17; 1John 2:2; 4:10

➤ God provided a ***sacrificial fire*** as a demonstration until His Son became our sinless Substitute *(38b)* **[SUBSTITUTION]**

Romans 3:23 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** being **justified** as a gift by His grace through the **redemption** which is in Christ Jesus; **25** whom God displayed publicly as a **propitiation** in His blood through faith. This was to **demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; 26** for the **demonstration**, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

2. FireKeepers Intercede in the Revealed NAME of the LORD.

1Kings 18:24-32, 36-37

JESUS TAUGHT US HOW TO CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD		
We pray **TO** our heavenly Father.	• Our Father who is in heaven, holy be Your name	The **GOODNESS** of the Father
We pray **IN** the name/character of the Son.	• Your kingdom come, • Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven	The **GREATNESS** of the Son
We pray **BY** the power of the Spirit.	• Give us this day our daily bread. • And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. • And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.	The **GRACE** of the Spirit/Word
We pray **FOR** the fame of His Name.	• For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. • Amen. [*Not in the original text but reflects the right response of the church.*]	The **GLORY** of the LORD

3. FireKeepers Intercede to SPREAD the Fame of His Name.

1Kings 18:36-37

*We spend too little of our time in **KINGDOM PRAYER** and too much time in **EMERGENCY PRAYER**.*

"Whenever we so lose ourselves in prayer as to forget personal interest, and to plead for the glory of God, we have reached a vantage ground from which we can win anything from Him." – F. B. Meyer

"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it." – Jesus, John 14:13–14

4. FireKeepers Intercede for the VINDICATION of the Gospel.

1Kings 18:36; Colossians 4:2-6; 1Thessalonians 1:4-10; 2:13

How Much of Our Prayer Time Is Spent Interceding that...

- The *Gospel Mediator – Jesus Christ* – would be ***proven*** to be ***WHO*** He really is? ***The "I AM " God!***
- The *Gospel Message* would be ***proven*** to be ***WHAT*** it really is? ***The Word and Power of God unto Salvation!***
- The *Gospel Messengers – our pastors, teachers, one another* – would be ***proven*** to be ***WHAT*** they really are? ***Men and women of integrity who are simply beggars showing other beggars where to find the Bread of Life!***

5. FireKeepers Intercede for Heart CONVERSION.

1Kings 18:37; Deuteronomy 11:13-17; 1Kings 8:35-36; 2Chronicles 7:12-14

- Elijah's ***passion*** in prayer for the fire to fall: *A passion for* **FORGIVENESS**. *(18:37)*
- Elijah's ***posture*** in prayer for the rain to come: *A posture of* **REPENTANCE**. *(18:42)*

6. FireKeepers Intercede by *"Praying Within the* PROMISES*"* of God.

1Kings 18:1, 37, 41-42

Why Pray If God Has Already Predestined, Predicted, and Promised that His Purposes Will Be Fulfilled?

- Because God has also predestined, predicted, & promised to use the **MEANS** of prayer to fulfill His purposes.
- Because God delights to **PARTNER** with His people in prayer to fulfill His purposes.
- Because God's promises teach us **WHAT** we should be praying about.
- Because God has **COMMANDED** us to pray and we do so in humble submission to Him.

"For Elijah, the promise of God did not make prayer unnecessary; it made it mandatory." – Leland Ryken

"Far from God's promises being designed to exempt us from making application to the throne of grace for the blessings guaranteed, they are designed to instruct us what things to ask for, and to encourage us to ask for them believingly, that we may have their fulfillment to ourselves." – A. W. Pink

"Though the Bible be crowded with golden promises from board to board, yet will they be inoperative, until we turn them into prayer." – F. B. Meyer

7. FireKeepers Intercede with PERSEVERANCE to Ignite Others.

1Kings 18:43-44

"Prayer is the first thing, the second thing, the third thing necessary to minister. Pray, therefore, my dear brother, pray, pray, pray." –Edward Payson

FireKeepers Put Feet to Their Prayers!

In a little while the sky grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy shower. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel. Then the hand of the LORD was on Elijah, and he girded up his loins and outran Ahab to Jezreel. 1Kings 18:45-46

Let's Keep the Fire Burning and the Rain Falling!

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"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8