

Central Realities?

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We live in a world that is in the midst of
a spiritual battle.

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outcomes of the battle, as well as the depth of our
relationship with the Lord.

We serve a God who wants relationship with us:

My friends

John 15:14-15

My own.

Leviticus 20:26

My people

2 Corinthians 6:16

My people

Ezekiel 14:11

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. Matthew 23:37 NIV

We have come to know him

1 John 2:1-6

We live in a world that is in the midst of a spiritual battle:

For it is not against human enemies that we have to struggle, but against the principalities and the ruling forces who are masters of the darkness in this world, the spirits of evil in the heavens...In all your prayer and entreaty keep praying in the Spirit on every possible occasion. Never get tired of staying awake to pray for all God's holy people, Ephesians 6:12 and 18 NJB

Prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me

Daniel 10:12-14

We do not wage war as the world does

Corinthians 10:2-7

Urge you ...abstain from the passions of the flesh which...

1 Peter 2:11

There was war in heaven...Satan, who leads the world astray...

Revelation 12:7-9 and 17

Our fervent “righteous” prayers can affect many outcomes of the battle:

The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful. CSB-NAB

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man [person] avails much. NKJV James 5:16b

Your sins prevent Him from hearing

Isaiah 59:1-2

He listens to the righteous

1 Peter 3:12

If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. Psalm 66:18 NIV

Does not listen to sinners

John 9:31

Join me by praying

Romans 15:30

Prayer for those in authority

1 Timothy 2:1-4

To a open a door for our message

Devote yourselves to prayer NIV *Continue steadfastly in prayer* RSV, *Continue earnestly in prayer* NKJV
Colossians 4:2-3a

Pray for our message & our protection

2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

They were praying earnestly

Acts 12:5

You can move this mountain with prayer

Matthew 21:21-22

Our righteous prayers can affect the depth of our relationship with the Lord:

Love Him totally

Luke 10:27a

Come clean and come near

James 4:4-8

I forgive you, but stop sinning

John 8:7-11

Be holy

Leviticus 20:7-8

As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. 1 Peter 1:14-17 NIV

Test yourselves

2 Corinthians 13:5