

Prayer Principles and Practice Part 2

Developing the Prayer Life (Part 2) – Elijah's Prayer

1 Kings 18:36-39

Devotional Questions – The Prayer of Elijah

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7. *Why are these important reasons to base our prayers on today?*
8. *How would you describe Elijah's prayer?*

1 Kings 18:24

1 Kings 18:36

1 Kings 18:37
9. *How then does this apply to us today?*

Devotional Questions – Elijah’s Prayer, Answers to Questions

Note first 1 Kings 18:39 ***“And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.”*** The modern versions like the NIVs typically read *“When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!”*” omitting *“the”* with respect to *“God”* and allowing for heretical New Age inclusiveness. See shop.avpublications.com/ *New Age Bible Versions* by Gail Riplinger for details.

See 1611, 2011 AV1611 *Precision and Modern Version Impurity* www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/version-comparison.php pp 3-5 and the attached extract with respect to ***AV1611 Distinctives versus Modern Version New Age Inclusiveness.***

1. Why do you suppose Elijah called the people to come near (1 Kings 18:30)?

1 Kings 18:30 states ***“And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.”*** Elijah sought to make sure that ***“all the people”*** should hear ***“Hear the word of the LORD”*** 2 Kings 20:16, 2 Chronicles 18:18, Isaiah 1:10, 28:14, 39:5, 66:5, Jeremiah 7:2, 9:20, 22:2, 29, 31:10, 34:4, 42:15, 44:24, Ezekiel 6:3, 16:35, 20:47, 25:3, 34:7, 9, 36:1, 4, 37:4, Hosea 4:1, 24 references in all, addressed to kings and their servants, sodomites, scorners, Bible believers, mothers and daughters, the nations, the creation itself, harlots, heathen Gentiles, pastors and ***“ye children of Israel”*** Hosea 4:1.

In sum ***“O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD”*** Jeremiah 22:29.

2. Why did Elijah rebuild the altar etc. (1 Kings 18:30)?

It was about to be used ***“...in the name of the LORD”*** 1 Kings 18:32. The same is true for today’s believer. ***“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them”*** Ephesians 2:10.

3. What does the idea of repairing the altar suggest to us today?

See Question 2. Spiritually this writer is minded to think of Acts 20:32 ***“And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified”***.

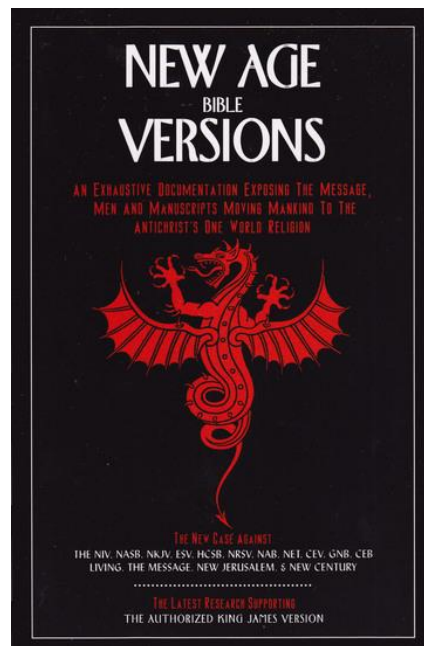
4. Why 12 stones (1 Kings 18:31)?

1 Kings 18:31 states ***“And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name.”*** 1 Kings 18:31 is a reminder to today’s believer of the fulfilment of ***“the word of the LORD”*** as Joshua declared to Israel with respect to another set of ***“twelve stones”*** Joshua 4:3, 8, 9, 20 ***“That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever”*** Joshua 4:24.

5. What two reasons does Elijah give for praying (1 Kings 18:36)?

1 Kings 18:36 states ***“And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.”***

Three reasons are apparent:



- a. “that thou art God in Israel”
- b. “that I am thy servant”
- c. “that I have done all these things at thy word.”

Prayer should therefore acknowledge:

- a. “that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men” Daniel 4:17, 25, 32
- b. “We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do” Luke 17:10
- c. “He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination” Proverbs 28:9.

6. What two reasons does Elijah give for praying (1 Kings 18:37)?

1 Kings 18:37 states “Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.”

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- b. “that thou hast turned their heart back again.”

Prayer should therefore acknowledge:

- a. “For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else” Isaiah 45:18. See introductory remarks on 1 Kings 18:39 “...the God...the God.”
- b. “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings” Jeremiah 17:9-10. Elijah had a good outcome from Jeremiah 17:10 because he could say “that I have done all these things at thy word” 1 Kings 18:36 and God could say that Elijah was “...a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will” Acts 13:22.

7. Why are these important reasons to base our prayers on today?

See Questions 5, 6 with respect to what prayer should acknowledge.

8. How would you describe Elijah’s prayer?

1 Kings 18:24 “I will call upon the name of the LORD.” Direct

1 Kings 18:36 “I have done all these things at thy word.” Obedient

1 King 18:37 “Hear me, O LORD, hear me.” Importunate

Remember therefore with ministerial emphasis Ephesians 6:18-20 “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”

9. How then does this apply to us today?

See additional scriptures for Question 8 and note Hebrews 4:16 “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need”.

AV1611 Distinctives versus Modern Version New Age Inclusiveness

Genesis 17:1

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“the Almighty God”**

NKJV “OMIT *Almighty God*,” 1984, 2011 NIVs “OMIT *God Almighty*”

God is the *only* God, Isaiah 43:10, 44:6, 45:5, 18, 22, 1 Corinthians 8:4. New Age heresy has *Gods*.

1 Kings 18:39

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“the God...the God”**

NKJV, 1984, 2011 NIVs “OMIT *God...OMIT God*”

See Genesis 17:1.

2 Kings 19:15

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“which...the God”**

NKJV **“the One...God,”** 1984, 2011 NIVs “...OMIT *God*”

See Genesis 17:1. Note also the NKJV’s New Age **“the One.”** See *New Age Bible Versions* Chapter 5.

Ezra 1:3

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“the LORD God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem”**

NKJV **“the LORD God of Israel (He is OMIT God), which is in Jerusalem”**

1984, 2011 NIVs **“the LORD, the God of Israel, the God who is in Jerusalem”** i.e. *only that God!*

See Genesis 17:1. The NKJV, NIVs still allow for New Age Gods, plural.

Job 41:34

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“a king over all the children of pride”**

NKJV, 1984, 2011 NIVs “OMIT *king over the children of pride*,” “OMIT *king over all that are proud*”

The NKJV, NIVs prop up Lucifer: **“I will exalt my throne above the stars of God”** Isaiah 14:13.

Job 42:2

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“no thought can be withholden from thee”**

NKJV **“no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You”**

1984 NIV **“no plan of yours can be thwarted”**

2011 NIV **“no purpose of yours can be thwarted”**

The NKJV, NIVs deny the all-knowing **“Lord JEHOVAH”** Isaiah 12:2, 26:4, making Him a mere ‘god.’

Isaiah 9:6

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace”**

NKJV, 1984, 2011 NIVs “OMIT *mighty God*, OMIT *everlasting Father*, OMIT *Prince of Peace*”

See Genesis 17:1.

Isaiah 66:1

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“The heaven”**

NKJV, 1984, 2011 NIVs “OMIT *Heaven*”

“The heaven” is **“the third heaven”** 2 Corinthians 12:2. That is too specific for New Age heresy.

Matthew 11:3, Luke 7:19, 20

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“he that should come”**

NKJV **“the Coming One”**

1984 NIV **“the one who was to come”**

2011 NIV **“the one who is to come”**

“The Coming One” is the New Age messiah **“the beast”** Revelation 13:2, the 2011 NIV updates him!

Matthew 12:32

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“this world...the world to come”**

NKJV, 1984, 2011 NIVs **“this age...the age to come”**

One world is to come with **“a new heaven and a new earth”** Revelation 21:1, not successive *ages*.

Matthew 13:39, 49, 24:3, 28:20, Hebrews 9:26

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“end of the world”**

NKJV, 1984, 2011 NIVs **“end of the age,” “ages”** Hebrews 9:26*, *2011 NIV **“culmination”**

“This world” Matthew 13:40 will end. **“A new heaven and a new earth”** will come, not *ages*.

Matthew 21:13, Mark 11:17, Luke 19:46

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“the house of prayer”**

NKJV, 1984, 2011 NIVs **“a house of prayer”**

The Lord confirmed **“my house of prayer”** Isaiah 56:7 as *one* house - too specific for the New Agers!

Matthew 27:4

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“the innocent blood”**

NKJV, 1984, 2011 NIVs **“OMIT innocent blood”**

The Lord’s blood is *God’s* blood, Acts 20:28. Again, that is too specific for New Age inclusiveness.

Mark 10:30, Luke 18:30, Hebrews 6:5

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“the world to come”**

NKJV, 1984, 2011 NIVs **“the age to come”**

See Matthew 12:32, 13:39, 49, 24:3, 28:20, Hebrews 9:26.

Luke 20:34, 35, 1 Corinthians 1:20

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“this world, that world, this world”**

NKJV, 1984 NIV **“this age, that age, this age”**

2011 NIV **“the age, that age to come, this age”**

See Matthew 12:32, 13:39, 49, 24:3, 28:20, Mark 10:30, Luke 18:30, Hebrews 6:5, 9:26.

John 20:21

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“my Father”**

NKJV, 1984, 2011 NIVs **“the Father”**

Jesus **“said...God was his Father, making himself equal with God”** John 5:18, a New Age no-no!

Acts 3:13, 26

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“his s(S)on Jesus...his Son Jesus”**

NKJV **“His Servant Jesus...His Servant Jesus,”** 1984, 2011 NIVs **“his servant Jesus...his servant OMIT”**

See John 20:21. New Agers deny that Jesus is **“the Son of God”** worthy of worship, Matthew 14:33.

Acts 4:27, 30

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“thy holy child Jesus... thy holy child Jesus”**

NKJV, 1984, 2011 NIVs **“Y(y)our holy S(s)ervant Jesus...Y(y)our holy S(s)ervant Jesus”**

See John 20:21, Acts 3:13, 26 and *New Age Bible Versions* pp 334-336.

Acts 17:29, Romans 1:20, Colossians 2:9

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“Godhead”**

NKJV **“the Divine Being, Godhead, Godhead”**

1984, 2011 NIVs **“the divine being, divine nature, Deity”**

New Agers deny the Godhead, 1 John 5:7, the NKJV cuts the 3-fold *Biblical* witness to the Godhead.

Acts 27:23

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“the (A)angel of God, whose I am”**

NKJV, 2011 NIV “an angel of the God to whom I belong”

1984 NIV “an angel of the God whose I am”

“God” here must be *one* God but “the God” allows for *more than one* God. Contrast 1 Kings 18:39.

2 Corinthians 5:17

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature”**

NKJV, 1984 NIV “if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation”

2011 NIV “if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come.” N.B. “has come” is made up!

“New creation,” “anyone” are spiritualised New Age denial of Revelation 21:1 via *gender neutrality*.

2 Corinthians 10:5

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“Casting down imaginations”**

NKJV “casting down arguments,” 1984, 2011 NIVs “We demolish arguments”

The NKJV, NIVs support New Age Self-Esteem - *imagination*. See *New Age Bible Versions* Chapter 5.

Titus 2:13

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ”**

NKJV, 1984, 2011 NIVs “our great God and Savior Jesus Christ”

See *Genesis 17:1, John 20:21*. The NKJV, NIVs cut **“Saviour,”** 7 letters, God, to “Savior,” 6, *man*.

2 Peter 1:1

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“God and our Saviour Jesus Christ”**

NKJV, 1984, 2011 NIVs “our God and Savior Jesus Christ”

See *Titus 2:13*.

1 John 5:19

1611, 2011+ AV1611s **“world...in wickedness”**

NKJV “world...under the sway of the wicked one”

1984, 2011 NIVs “world...under the control of the evil one”

This is *not* a ‘good’ pre-New Age world under evil rule. It is **“this present evil world”** Galatians 1:4.

This list is not exhaustive. See **Appendices 1, 2**.