

Num 12:13

So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "Please heal her, O God, I pray!"

I several years ago when I lived and worked in California I used to spend a lot of time in prayer every morning as I drove to work. I would pray for my family and friends and also for those who come to this web site. My prayer time every morning used to be about 40 minutes and sometimes it didn't even seem to be enough time. But also throughout the day I would have very short prayers to the Lord.

So does God honor my long prayers more than the short ones?

No, look at today's devotional verse as Moses cries out to the Lord. All he says is,

"Please heal her, O God, I pray!"

Seven little words, but seven little words that the Lord heard and answered.

When someone comes to you for prayer, do think you have to spend a lot of time praying for him or her, or do you expect someone to pray for several minutes for you?

It's not really necessary, sure the Lord likes to hear from us, but a lot of times we add fluff to our prayers thinking that if we do, that the Lord will be more likely to answer.

Remember when Peter was walking on the water with Jesus, and then Peter started to sink? Do you remember what he cried out?

† **Matt 14:30** *But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"*

And as you read the rest of the story

† **Matt 14:31a** *And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him,*

If Peter had spent several minutes crying out to the Lord, he would have drowned. But he didn't, just three little words *"Lord, save me!"* and the Lord reached out and helped him.

So spend time with the Lord everyday and throughout the day, and remember God hears your short quick prayers just as He hears your long ones.

† **Ephesians 6:18** *praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--*