

Num 12:13

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

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 that didn't even seem to be enough time. But also throughout the day I would have short prayers to the Lord as well.

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 and 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 us for prayer, do think we that we have to spend a lot of time praying for him or her, or do we expect someone to pray over us for several minutes when we ask for prayer? But 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 us.

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. Instead he said just three little words "*Lord, save me!*" and the Lord reached out and helped him. Jesus didn't rebuke Peter for his short three-word phrase to Him saying to Peter, Sorry dude, that was way too short, you need to pray a lot long in order for Me to hear you and respond. But Jesus didn't say that, because it wasn't about the number of Peter's words or length of his pray, but it was his heart behind the prayer, because even though he said three short words, his heart was crying out to Jesus with many more words, to the only One who could save him.

So your words may be short sometimes in prayer, but God knows everything behind those short prayers that are spoke from your heart; Therefore, spend time with the Lord

everyday and throughout the day, and remember God hears our short quick prayers just as He hears our 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—*
- † **Psalm 56:9** *When I cry out to You, Then my enemies will turn back; This I know, because God is for me.*
- † **Psalm 141:1** *LORD, I cry out to You; Make haste to me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You.*
- † **1 Kings 8:30 (MSG)** *and listen to the prayers that I pray at this place. Listen from your home in heaven and when you hear, forgive.*