

## **Praying In Holy Spirit**

Jude closes his book by mentioning key basic doctrines important to Contenders of the Faith (vs.17-25).

**Note:** In the original Greek text there is no definite article (the) placing the emphasis upon the work or agency of the Holy Spirit rather than upon the Person of The Holy Spirit.

We are currently studying ten of these basic doctrines for Contenders of the Faith listed in last week's lesson (vs.20-25).

- **The first five basic doctrines** are important to **internal** ministry of Contenders of Faith (vs.20-21) (yourselves).
- **The next five basic doctrines** are important to **external** ministry of Contenders of Faith (vs.22-25) (some and others).

Today we will study the third basic doctrine listed in Jude 20 [**Praying in Holy Spirit**]. The recipient of praying in Holy Spirit is God our Father (Eph.3:14; Matt.6:9).

<p><b>This lesson will study THREE aspects of the internal ministry of Praying in Holy Spirit.</b></p>
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### **1. Jude teaches the importance of certain basic doctrines working together to stimulate spiritual growth maturity necessary to Contenders of the Faith.**

Jude teaches the importance of the order of these basic doctrines:

- (Jude 20-21) "But you, beloved, building yourselves up (**ECS**) [Edification Complex of the Soul] on your most holy faith (**Faith Cycle**); **praying** in Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the **love of God**, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to **eternal life.**" (yourselves)

Jude may have learned this doctrinal concept from Isaiah:

- (Isa.28:9-10) "To whom would He teach knowledge, and to whom would He interpret the message? Those just **weaned from milk**? Those just taken from the breast? For He says, '**Order on order, order on order, line on line, line on line, a little here, a little there**'" (2 Pet.3:18)

### **2. The third basic doctrine listed by Jude vs.20 is praying (proseuchomai / p.m.ptc.nplm) in (en+locative of agent) Holy Spirit (hagios) [pneuma / l.s.n].**

Every Church Age Believer (CAB) can pray in the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit indwells permanently every CAB at the moment of salvation (Gal.3:2; 1 Cor.6:19-20; John 14:16). It is one of eight works of the Holy Spirit accomplished at the point of salvation (see: [So Great a Salvation](#)).

Praying in Holy Spirit is a church age priesthood function based on positional truth (1 Pet.2:5, 9; Heb.7:25).

Praying in Holy Spirit allows the indwelling Holy Spirit to make intercession for every Church Age Believer (CAB). (Rom.8:26-27; Eph.6:18). This means that in the Church Age all three members of the Godhead are involved in the prayer of the believer (1 Pet.3:12; Matt.6:9; Rom.8:26; Heb.7:25).

**Note:** Praying in Holy Spirit is not the same thing as praying in tongues (1 Cor.14:11-17; 1 Pet.3:12).

**3. Walking by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit is the essential to praying in Holy Spirit which is essential for answered prayer (Gal.5:16-17; Jude 20).**

The opposite of “Walking in Holy Spirit is Walking in Flesh [Your Old Sin Nature Lust Trends] (OSN). Walking in the flesh will prevent prayers from being answered.

<p><b>We will discuss six reasons prayers will not be answered.</b></p>
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**1. Prayers will not be answered if done in the flesh (OSN) (sarkikos) [flesh] (James 1:14-15).**

(1 Cor.3:1-3) Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly - mere infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. <sup>3</sup>You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?

**2. Prayers will not be answered if done with unconfessed personal sins (Ps.51:2-4; 1 John 1:9; Luke 15:17-21).**

(Ps.66:18) If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

**3. Prayer will not be answered if there are unresolved relationship problems**

(1 Pet.3:1-7).Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, <sup>2</sup>when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. <sup>3</sup>Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. <sup>4</sup>Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight. <sup>5</sup>For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, <sup>6</sup>like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

<sup>7</sup>Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

**4. Prayer will not be answered if done with self-centered motives. (James 4:1-3; Job 35:12-13).**

(Eph.4:22-24) You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup>to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

**5. Prayer will not be answered if failure to ask according to the Directive Will of God (1 John 3:22; John 14:13).**

(1 John 5:14-15) This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

**6. Prayer will not be answered where there is break-down in the Faith Cycle; (Matt.17:14-21; Rom.14:23; James 1:6-8; 4:8).**

(Matt.21:22) If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”