

MEDITATION ON A FIVE WORD PRAYER

My meditation today comes from the book of II Samuel, Chapter 7. Here the prophet Nathan reveals the purpose of God to establish a covenant with his servant, David. This covenant promises David a descendant who will rule forever an everlasting kingdom. As David processes this information and is overwhelmed by God's greatness and goodness, he prays this five word prayer; **"Do as thou hast said."** (vs 25) As I meditate on this specific prayer, I am struck by the power of these words. If God has said it, I believe it and that settles it. Therefore, if I desire real power in my prayer life, why should I not implore Him to do as he has already promised? For example:

There was a specific trial in my life that indeed resulted in extreme brokenness. My wounds were deep and my broken heart raw and bleeding. I could not fathom ever being whole again. All I could pray was, "Do as thou hast said."

Psalm 147:3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

I remember a painful decision I had to make concerning a place for my aged mother to stay where her needs could be met. I researched all available options and agonized over making the right decision for her, as there were several possibilities. I did all that I could, and then called on the Lord to, "Do as thou hast said."

Psalm 73:24a Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel,

Several times the Lord has required a spiritual commitment from me during a period of dryness when insights and direction have not been forthcoming. Thus my prayer, "Do as thou hast said."

Isaiah 41:17 When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them,

During my chemotherapy treatments I felt tired, weak, depressed and useless. But God was faithful when I prayed, "Do as thou hast said."

Isaiah 40:29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

When the Lord increases our responsibility in ministry, our persecution is also increased. But the Lord miraculously intervenes when I pray, "Do as thou hast said."

Proverbs 16:7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Even specific promises are found in God's word to help in time of need. A trip to our storm shelter during a tornado warning brought forth this plea, "Do as thou hast said."

Proverbs 12:7 The wicked are overthrown, and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.

I am so grateful for these five words that are so powerful because I have faith that even in an intercessory capacity, they are effectual. When I pray for my children, "Do as thou hast said," I am at peace.

Isaiah 54:13 And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.