

Prayer of Survival, 10

The Simple Prayer of "Help" - Mk 9:22-24

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to **help** in time of need. Heb 12:16

1. What was the problem that Jesus encountered in 9:14-18?

The problem Jesus encountered after returning from the mount of transfiguration was the scribes and people saw his 9 disciples could not exorcise the demon possessed boy; Jesus is powerless.

2. Why do you think Jesus asked the father the length of sickness?

Jesus asked the father how long his son had been tormented by the demon to show his compassion before the crowd and to reveal his power over demonic possession.

3. What was Jesus criterion for healing help, 9:23?

Jesus asked the father to believe in Him, for all things possible.

4. What was Jesus' solution to the disciples' inability to heal, 9:29?

Jesus' solution to the disciple's inability to cast out the demon was for them to have faith in Christ's power through the Father by prayer or asking in His name. (Note: *fast* is not in oldest MS)

5. How does this story relate to Jesus' assertion to self-denial, 8:34?

Jesus had taught disciples & people that to follow Him one has to deny self & take up the cross (willing to die if need be) to follow Jesus. Yet, the disciples were not willing to deny self for prayer to have God's power, but trust in previous strength.