

# New Hebron Missionary Baptist Church

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Bible Study

*“...from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which  
are able to make thee wise unto salvation...”  
(2 Tim. 3:15)*



## The Power of Prayer

{1 Kings 18:36,37}

(v.36) *And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.*

(v.37) *Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.*

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- “*thou art God...*” – as Elijah began his prayer he wanted everyone to know that the God of the Israelites was real and Baal was an idol.
- In essence he was showing his enemies by his prayer that he would always put God first! [Ex. 20:2,3; Matt. 6:33]
- Jesus taught us in the model prayer that we should acknowledge God first in our prayers. [Matt. 6:9]
- “*I am thy servant...*” – Elijah also instructs us by the words in his prayer that he receives his direction and commands from the Lord.
- He was not going to be swayed by the culture or popular opinions because a servant does exactly what his leader commands. [Jn. 6:66-68]
- Elijah wanted God to get all the credit when He rained down fire on the sacrifices. He wanted his testimony to be that he was a man that followed the Lord.

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- “turned their hearts back again” – The real issue in the land was that people’s hearts had drifted away from the Lord.
- God can restore anyone who is willing to let Him. [Ps. 51:12]

