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Many years ago when I was a young adult, I heard of the phrase, "Lucky Rabbit's Foot." I asked inside my mind, "What did this phrase mean and why would a person want a rabbit's foot?" Later, my concerns and questions were answered when one day a friend of mine had a Rabbit's Foot on her person, and she showed it to me. It was furry and small, attached to a key chain so a person may place his or her keys with the Rabbit's Foot. At first I thought she was playing a joke and teasing me, so I asked, "Is this a real Rabbits' Foot?" "Yes, it is", she responded. She placed it inside my hand to prove to me it was real, and I held it but was still not convinced it was a real rabbit's foot. I have never held a real rabbit nor did I know what a foot of a rabbit was supposed to look like. I was worried about my friend who would keep such a device with her that used to be part of a living animal. My friend was telling me about how this foot from a rabbit is lucky and/or brings her good luck. I thought to myself, "The rabbit was not too lucky to lose his foot!" Carrying a Rabbit's Foot became a popular fad during those days of my young adult years, and it seem everyone had one. As my friend described the process of obtaining luck from the Rabbit's Foot, she told me when a person is in a hardship, thorny, or complicated situation one only needs to just pull out the Rabbit's Foot and began to rub it with his or her fingers or between his or her hands. I began to see Rabbit's Foots in stores, and merchants everywhere sold lucky Rabbit's Foots so individuals would have luck in a time of difficulty. Even though the Rabbit's Foot was a major hit with my friend and many other people during that time, I felt it was not a device for me to posses at the expense of hurting another animal. I truly did not believe in "luck" as my friend did, and felt I did not need a Rabbit's Foot to get me out of a not so easy situation.

Today as an adult you would not believe that some people use the Holy Bible as a "Rabbit's Foot!" Do we only come to the LORD God Almighty when a tough issue or situation arises? When the day, week or month is going well, do we just place our Holy Bible and our prayer life to God on a shelf to never touch again? If a horrible matter comes about in our lives, do we reach for the Holy Bible and rub it between our fingers and hands trying to find a Scripture of solace to easy our weary mind and to receive a word of instruction? Do we get on our knees to pray to the Heavenly Father only when there is trouble and consternation in our life? That is how many people use God, the Holy Bible

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and prayer to the Almighty God as a Rabbit's Foot; in response to a horrible incident or major decision in one's life a person will bring the Rabbit's Foot out of the pocket or the Rabbit's Foot Holy Bible with prayer to God and rub with the fingers and hands hoping it will bring them luck.

When we are reading the Holy Bible and praying to the LORD God Almighty what are our motives when we do so? When we pick up our Holy Bible and pray to the Living GOD, are our heart and mind and strength focused on seeking, obeying and serving the LORD God Almighty in spiritual purity and sincerity? Opening our Holy Bible with prayer to the Creator of the universe, are we humbly hungry and thirsty for the Righteousness of the LORD God Almighty to show us how to live pleasing toward Him? Are we getting on our knees with a contrite heart asking forgiveness of all our sins, having mercy upon our sinful soul, and asking the KINGS of kings and LORDS of lords to teach us to learn His ways so we will become holy as He is Holy?

It is good to read the Word of God the Holy Bible and praying to Him from a humble loving heart seeking His direction and guidance in all matters. Nevertheless, if we only read our Holy Bible, only pray to GOD and/or only come toward the LORD God Almighty in stressful and challenging times, we are using the LORD God Almighty, Jesus Christ of Nazareth / Yeshua Ha-Mashiach, and the Holy Spirit as a luck Rabbit's Foot.

In the Word of God the Holy Bible, there are many Scriptures indicating the LORD God Almighty does not hear prayers of ones who are living and practicing sinful and wickedness.

Isaiah 1:14-16 (New King James Version)

Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates; They are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing them. When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood. "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil,

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John 9:31 (New King James Version)

Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.

Deuteronomy 1: 41 – 45 (New King James Version)

41 "Then you answered and said to me, 'We have sinned against the LORD; we will go up and fight, just as the LORD our God commanded us.' And when everyone of you had girded on his weapons of war, you were ready to go up into the mountain.

42 "And the LORD said to me, 'Tell them, "Do not go up nor fight, for I am not among you; lest you be defeated before your enemies." 43 So I spoke to you; yet you would not listen, but rebelled against the command of the LORD, and presumptuously went up into the mountain. 44 And the Amorites who dwelt in that mountain came out against you and chased you as bees do, and drove you back from Seir to Hormah. 45 Then you returned and wept before the LORD, but the LORD would not listen to your voice nor give ear to you.

New International Version Scriptures below:

Job 27:8 For what hope has the godless when he is cut off, when God takes away his life?

Job 35:13 Indeed, God does not listen to their empty plea; the Almighty pays no attention to it.

Psalm 34:15 The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry;

Psalm 66:18 If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

Psalm 145:19 He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

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Proverbs 15:29 The LORD is far from the wicked but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

Proverbs 28:9 If anyone turns a deaf ear to the law, even his prayers are detestable.

Isaiah 1:15 When you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide my eyes from you; even if you offer many prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are full of blood;

John 11:22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

1 John 3:22 and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.

The LORD God Almighty knew human beings will have trials, tests, temptations and challenging days in our lives by walking and obeying Him. However, the LORD God Almighty will deliver His righteous humble obedient children out of all the fiery darts and wiles of the devil when we prepare in advance for the Spiritual fighting and warfare. We prepare ahead of time for those times of testing and temptations and trials by daily praying, talking, and listening to our Heavenly Father the LORD God Almighty and seeking the Face of the Messiah / Christ on bended knees of humbleness. Before a time of testing and temptation and trials comes to us, we are prepared for the confrontation by the reading and doing of the God's Word the Holy Bible because we seek, obey, and serve Him daily.

Let us not rely on a "Rabbit's Foot" Holy Bible that we pick up and use and respond only in tortuous circumstances. Instead God's Hand and Holy Spirit will help us through the difficult days ahead as we prepare with hungry and thirsty souls after God's Righteousness, and with humble

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diligence seeking God's will and way in our lives.

New International Version Scriptures below:

Proverbs 12:13 An evil man is trapped by his sinful talk, but a righteous man escapes trouble.

Matthew 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

Matthew 10:15 I tell you the truth, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

Jude 1:6 And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home-these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.

Revelation 3:10 Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.

Matthew 6: 33 – 34 (New Living Translation)

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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