

"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?

-Jeremiah 32:17

We Serve a BIG God.

When people think of God, they often attribute the LORD with human characteristics and, in most cases, human limitations. Therefore, when we pray, we leave the space of prayer feeling the need to consider what "support" God may require to bring the outcome to pass. In these moments, we must remember our Heavenly Father's true greatness and magnitude.

Our prayers are not to a feeble, weak, somewhat powerful being. We are speaking to the ALL-POWERFUL, ALL-CONTROLLING, INFINITE CREATOR AND SUSTAINER OF ALL THINGS. There is nothing you can present to Him that He cannot accomplish. He is so powerful that David declared, "Power belongs to God" (Psalm 62:11).

So when we pray, let us base our anticipation on a proper view of the One who receives our prayers. Know that ALL THINGS are possible with Him (Matthew 19:26). If He chooses to answer your prayers, no power in all of creation can prevent Him. Therefore, let us pray with complete confidence in Who our Heavenly Father is, knowing that nothing is too hard for Him.

Family Question: How should our lives look after prayer when you are confident that God can handle what you have placed before Him?

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, allow me by your Holy Spirit to be ever-reminded of the GREATNESS of Your power when I pray to You. In Jesus' name, I ask this. AMEN



Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. -1 John 5:14-15

Not my will, but Your will.

Most of the time, when we teach prayer, we teach it as a way of submitting our wants and petitions to the Lord so that he can fulfill them. We even go so far as to teach that if we have faith, we can ask anything, and it will be done. We treat God like Santa Claus and get upset when we don't receive what we ask him to give us.

However, prayer is not about asking God to fulfill our wants. It's about asking God to release His will for our lives into our spaces. Prayer should not start with writing down a list of our desires. Instead, it should begin with us asking the Lord to align our hearts with His desires. Like Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, we must learn to surrender our will so that His will can be done.

When we align our hearts with the heart and plan of the Lord, John teaches us that we will see our prayers answered. More accurately, we will see His will done. This prompts us to ask one question: "Have I been using prayer to accomplish my will or the Lord's will?" Resolve to see His will manifest in your life and watch what happens with your prayer language and outcomes.

Family Question: How can I pray in a way that places the Lord's will at the center of my prayers?

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, help me to move from selfish prayers to prayers to see Your will accomplished in my life and the world. In Jesus' name, I ask this. AMEN



For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. -2 Corinthians 1:20

We Have Access to Promises

There are so many benefits to accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. From having our sins paid for through his shed blood on the cross to receiving eternal life with God through his resurrection, we have an unmistakable and unmatched relationship with God that is afforded to us through the finished work of Jesus Christ.

One benefit of the lordship of Jesus Christ is that we have access to the promises of God. Through the reconciliation of our relationship with our heavenly Father, we obtain spiritual blessings in heavenly places (Ephesians 1:3). We also have the ability to petition the Father using the name of Jesus and receive whatever we ask (John 16:23). Finally, we have access to the blessings of Abraham and the promise of the Spirit (Galatians 3:14).

As a result, the promises of God to Israel are now also ours through Christ. Whether the promise involves provision, healing, protection, victory, or wisdom, we can receive them through Jesus Christ. Therefore, we are praying from a favorable position of reserved promises. When we say "Amen" at the end of our prayers, it serves as a reminder to ourselves and a declaration before heaven that we rest in the certainty that Jesus Christ has secured the promises of God for us.

Family Question: How does knowing that we have access to the promises of God shift your prayer life?

PRAYER: Lord, as I pray, help me to be reminded that promises have been reserved for my life through the work of Jesus and show me which ones apply to me in each moment of prayer. In Jesus' name I ask this. AMEN



Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. -Mark 11:24

Do you believe God can do it?

grew up in a faith culture and tradition that enamored us with the language used during prayers. This suggests that the effectiveness of a prayer depends on how well-spoken the person praying is. However, upon studying the word of God, I soon discovered that what impresses God's heart is not our language but our confidence in who He is and what He can do.

When Jesus prays and teaches about prayer, one central factor makes all the difference. The most important factor in prayer is our faith. Jesus teaches that God moves according to our faith. This passage in Mark reminds us that a person who prays to God with unwavering faith can witness God perform the impossible in his or her life. He reminds us that our belief determines our prayer outcome.

Therefore, I challenge you today to consider one question: "Do I truly believe that God can do what I'm asking Him to do?" When we move from partial belief to complete confidence in the promises and power of God, our prayers yield entirely different results.

Family Question: How would your prayer language and expectations change if you had complete confidence that the LORD can and will answer your prayer?

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, give me the grace to pray with unwavering faith in Your supernatural power and plan for my life. In Jesus' name I ask this. AMEN



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There are Promises For You.

A swe surrender our lives to God and receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we receive numerous benefits. From having our sin debt paid through Jesus' blood to receiving eternal life with God through Jesus' resurrection, we receive a spiritual position that is unmatched by any other relationship in this world.

As a result of our relationship with God through Jesus Christ, we have access to spiritual blessings in heavenly places (Ephesians 1:3). We also receive the blessing of Abraham and the promise of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 3:14). We have the assurance that our prayers will be answered when we ask them in Jesus' name (John 16:23).

Thus, Paul reminds us that we can rest assured in the fact that the promises of God are reserved for us as a result of our relationship with Jesus Christ. Whether it is a prayer for victory, provision, protection, courage, or wisdom, each time we end our prayer with the word "Amen" (translated "So be it"), we remind ourselves and heaven of the certainty of the fulfillment of promises set aside for us. As you pray, remember that you are not just hoping for outcomes; you are receiving outcomes that have been secured through Christ.

Family Question: How should you pray when you know God has already promised the results?

PRAYER: Lord, give me the grace to pray with the reminder that the promises of God have already been secured for me through Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name I ask this. AMEN