

Confidence

12-26-21

1 John 5:14–15 (ESV)

¹⁴ And this is **the confidence** that we have toward **Jesus**, that if we **ask anything** according to HIS will **HE hears us**. ¹⁵ And if we know that **Jesus** hears us in **whatever we ask**, we know that **we have the requests that we have asked of HIM**.

Let me summarize what God is telling us:

Ask anything

Jesus hears us

Whatever we ask

We have the requests that we have asked of HIM.

Of course, when we pray to Jesus, it is important to know Jesus' will or purpose. "When we learn to want what Jesus wants, we have the joy of receiving HIS answer to our prayers." **However, don't make this more complicated than it is.** **Through Jesus, God and us are moving in the same sphere.** So, we pray, and God hears. A good prayer, "Dear Jesus keep our kids out of jail." That is HIS will. As they leave in the car, "Dear Jesus put angels around their car." That is HIS will. Do you see what I mean? **Jesus does not have some mysterious will that you can't figure out.**

The "assurance" for approaching God and asking him anything is absolute. We know because Jesus has made our requests HIS own and HIS will must be done.

We are required to believe *and then decide to live accordingly*. In Mark Jesus said: “Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” God cares for us and hears us!

Psalm 91:14-15

¹⁴ Because he holds fast to ME in love, I will deliver him;

I will protect him because he knows MY name.

¹⁵ When he calls to ME, I will answer him;

I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

As people who know HIS Name, we will call out to God and HE will answer us, and above all HE will honor us!

We ‘possess the requests we have made’ the moment we have prayed. *When we pray* the realization of our prayer has already begun! When we have asked in faith, no matter what it is, that is God’s will for us. *This is the uniform testimony of the entire New Testament.*

The angel Gabriel’s statement to Daniel about God’s immediate answer to our prayers is the most descriptive.

Daniel 10:12 (ESV)

From the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard.

Our prayers are heard! God moves because of our prayers.

As we learn in our previous message on prayer December 9th, not only are our prayers heard and immediately begun to be answered, but also the full power of God moves with holy passion. When we pray God moves immediately in power:

Let's close with the summary in this message:

Have confidence

Ask anything

God hears us

Whatever we ask

We have the requests that we have asked of HIM.

However, our main confidence is that we know Jesus!

1 John 3:5 (ESV)

You know that Jesus appeared in order to take away sins, and in Jesus there is no sin.