

FAITH & PRAYER: OUR ACCESS TO GOD'S POWER

"Nothing is Impossible with God!!"

If we have been spiritually born-again, God is our Heavenly Father and we are his dearly loved children (Jn 1:12, 3:16; Rm 8:14-17; Gal 3:26, 4:4-7; Eph 1:3-5, 2:4; I Jn 3:1-2, 16). We have the privilege of bringing our requests to our Father (Phil 4:6-7; Heb 4:14-16). Here are some great Biblical truths relating to our privilege of praying for what we desire:

- 1) Jesus said "the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (Jn 10:10). Satan wants to destroy your life, BUT God wants you to have a full and spiritually fruitful life. The good news is that God is far stronger than Satan! (I Jn 4:4; Jn 12:31-32; Col 2:15; Heb 2:14-15).
- 2) We miss out on some blessings/miracles because of our lack of faith in God (Mt 13:58). [Faith = "being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see" Heb 11:1].
- 3) We miss out on some blessings/miracles because we do not ask (James 4:2).
- 4) We need to have faith in God, and ask Him for miracles and blessings (Mt 7:7-10, 21:22; Mk 11:22-24; Jn 14:12-14, 15:16, 16:23-24).
- 5) We need to remember: **NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD!!**
(Mt 19:23-26; Mk 10:27; Lk 18:27; Lk 1:26-37)
- 6) We need to pray persistently and not give up! (Lk 11:5-10, 18:1-8).
- 7) To summarize: Don't give up on any "impossible" situation, but keep praying, have faith in God, and remember that nothing is impossible for God!

Jesus said if we ask anything in His name, He will do it (Jn 14:13-14, 16:23). What if we don't get everything we

ask for? Does the Bible give some conditions to the promise of Jesus? Yes -- our prayers may not be answered because:

- 1) Our request is outside the will of God (I Jn 5:14).
- 2) We have wrong motives (Jm 4:3).
- 3) We are not abiding in Christ and His words (Jn 15:7; Ps 37:4).
- 4) We are not bearing spiritual fruit (Jn 15:16).
- 5) We do not keep His commands and do what pleases Him (I Jn 3:21-22).
- 6) We have unconfessed and cherished sin in our life (Ps 32:1-5, 66:18; Is 59:1-2).
- 7) We have an unforgiving spirit (Mk 11:25).
- 8) We lack faith (Jm 1:6; Mt 21:21-22; Mk 11:22-24).
- 9) We lack persistence (Lk 11:5-10, 18:1-8).
- 10) A husband's prayers can be hindered due to lack of respect for his wife (I Pet 3:7).