

IT IS ONE THING TO KNOW THAT JESUS IS GOD AND THAT WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN BUT WHAT ABOUT THE NEEDS AND PROBLEMS OF EVERYDAY LIFE

THE QUESTION IS DOES OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN RESPOND WHEN HIS CHILDREN CALL ON HIM IN PRAYER

V14 JOHN TEACHES US THAT WE CAN APPROACH OUR FATHER WITH CONFIDENCE KNOWING THAT IF WE ASK ANYTHING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL HE HEARS US

THERE IS MORE TO ANSWERED PRAYER THAN KNOWING GODS WILL IT IS MORE THAN JUST HAVING THE RIGHT INFORMATION ABOUT GOD'S WILL IT IS OBEYING HIS WILL JAMES 4:17 TO THE ONE WHO KNOWS THE RIGHT THING TO DO AND DOES NOT DO IT TO HIM IT IS SIN JAMES 4:2-3

THERE ARE CONDITIONS TO ANSWERED PRAYER JOHN HAS MADE THIS POINT EARLIER IN HIS EPISTLE 1JOHN 3:20-21 DISOBEDIENCE OR SIN WILL ROB YOU OF YOUR CONFIDENCE YOUR HEART WILL CONDEMN YOU WHEN PRAY AND CONTINUE TO DISOBEY GOD'S WILL FOR YOU AS REVEALED IN HIS WORD BY HIS SPIRIT PSALMS 66:18 IF WE REGARD WICKEDNESS IN OUR HEARTS THE LORD WILL NOT HEAR

UNCONFESSED SIN IS A SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO ANSWERED PRAYER YET WHEN WE KNOW THE RIGHT THING TO DO AND DO IT OBEYING HIS WILL WE HAVE CONFIDENCE OUR HEARTS NOT CONDEMNING US KNOWING THAT OUR FATHER WILL ANSWER OUR PRAYERS AS WE LIVE OUT OUR LIVES ACCORDING TO HIS WILL FOR US

WHEN WE DO SIN WE HAVE AN ADVOCATE WITH OUR FATHER 1JOHN 2:1 JESUS CHRIST THE RIGHTEOUS OUR MEDIATOR 1TIM 2:5 BETWEEN GOD AND MEN THE MAN CHRIST JESUS AND IF WE CONFESS OUR SIN TO JESUS HE IS FAITHFUL AND RIGHTEOUS TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

OUR LOVE IS SEEN IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS TO BOTH TO GOD AND TO EACH OTHER HONORING THE ROLES GOD HAS GIVEN US AS HUSBANDS AND WIVES FELLOW HEIRS OF THE GRACE OF LIFE THAT OUR PRAYERS WILL NOT BE HINDERED 1PETER 3:7

WHEN JESUS WAS ASKED BY HIS DISCIPLES TO TEACH THEM TO PRAY IN MATT: 6:10 HE TAUGHT THEM TO PRAY YOUR WILL BE DONE

PRAYER IS A MIGHTY INSTRUMENT OF GRACE NOT FOR GETTING MAN'S WILL DONE IN HEAVEN BUT FOR GETTING GOD'S WILL DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

IN HIS GOSPEL JOHN 15:7 JESUS SAID IF YOU ABIDE IN ME AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU CONTINUING IN COMMUNION AND OBEEDIENCE ASK WHATEVER YOU WISH AND IT WILL BE DONE FOR YOU

PRAYER IS NOT OVERCOMING GOD'S RELUCTANCE IT IS LAYING HOLD TO GOD'S WILLINGNESS OUR FATHER WANTS TO MEET OUR NEEDS PHILIP 4:19 THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE MY GOD WILL SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEEDS ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY IN CHRIST JESUS

THE VEIL OF THE TEMPLE WAS RENT FROM THE TOP TO THE BOTTOM AT THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST WE HAVE BEEN GRANTED ACCESS TO THE THRONE OF GRACE HEB 4:16 LET US DRAW NEAR TO THE THRONE OF GRACE SO THAT WE MAY RECEIVE MERCY AND GRACE IN OUR TIME OF NEED

YOU MAY BE ASKING YOURSELF IF IT IS GOD'S WILL FOR ME TO HAVE SOMETHING THAN WHY SHOULD I PRAY ABOUT IT BECAUSE PRAYER IS THE WAY GOD WANTS HIS CHILDREN TO GET WHAT THEY NEED

GOD NOT ONLY ORDAINS THE END HE ORDAINS THE MEANS TO THE END WHICH IS PRAYER IT IS AN AWESOME PRIVILEGE WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY OUR FATHER LET US NOT NEGLECT SO GREAT A GIFT OF HIS GRACE TO US