

Daily Devotion For May 23, 2022

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us-whatever we ask-we know that we have what we asked of him." 1 John 5:14-15

Have you ever wondered if prayer really works? Maybe the Enemy, Satan, has whispered to you, "Why pray, prayer is a waste of time. Why bother! Who do you think you are, God's not even listening."

1 John 5:14-15 teaches us that we should pray and ask God because God is in control.

In fact, the basis of all answered prayer is God's sovereignty. What does that mean? It means he is God Almighty, who has all power in Heaven and on Earth, so his purposes will prevail. As Christ followers, we must learn to trust his wisdom and his goodness. We must learn about his loving nature and his generous character.

We grow in our faith as we understand that God has a better view of our circumstances than we do - He knows what is best for us! Psalm 33:11 says, "But his plans endure forever; his purposes last eternally."

God's unlimited resources are available to each one of us. Twenty times in the New Testament it says, "ASK." Isn't it encouraging to know that things out of our control are not out of God's control? You may not be able to change a situation, but you can pray and God can change it!

Prayer works. It isn't a waste of your time. God is in control, and he wants to hear your prayers - he is listening!

**Thought For Today:** In your prayers, are you praying in accordance with God's will? If God is not answering your prayers, maybe it is a good time to check and see if our prayers are in line with His will.

**Today's Prayer Focus:** As we begin a new week, take time to thank God that among the myriad of things He is doing, one of those things is "listening" to your prayers. Take a few "extra" minutes today to let your prayer request be known to God. Deo Volente.