

"What Happens When We Pray?"

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John 14:12-14

What kind of prayer moves the hands of God?

- corporate prayer
- casual prayer
- repetitious prayer

God does hear and answer those prayers as well.

Here is the kind of prayer that I mean:

- The kind of prayer that convicts the heart!
- The kind of prayer that cleanses the soul!
- The kind of prayer that cures the body!
- The kind of prayer we read about in the Word of God!

WHAT ♦ HAPPENS ♦ WHEN ♦ YOU ♦ PRAY?

THE PROPHET ELIJAH (1 Kings 18:37-39)

THE WIFE HANNA (1 Samuel 1:11,20)

THE KING HEZEKIAH (2 Kings 20:2-6)

THE MAN JOB (Job 1:7-12; 42:1-3, 42:10)

THE FAITHFUL WITNESSES PETER AND JOHN (Acts 4:24, 31)

THIS IS THE KIND OF PRAYER I AM TALKING ABOUT!

You might be saying to yourself, **RIGHT that was then and this is now.** Well my response to you is:

Hebrews 13:8 (NASB95) Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

DOES ♦ THAT ♦ HAPPEN ♦ TODAY?

GEORGE MUELLER'S STORY STORY

No wonder, years later, when Mueller was to travel the world as an evangelist, he would be heralded as "the man who gets things from God!"

OUR ♦ TEXT ♦ FOR ♦ TODAY?

John 14:12-14 (NASB95) — ¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and **greater works** than these he will do; **because I go to the Father.**" ¹³ "Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son." ¹⁴ "If you **ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.**"

1. GREATER WORKS

- Jesus was speaking of another miracle and that is SALVATION.

2. Jesus has gone to the FATHER for one purpose.

These verses refer to the Holy Spirit as a pledge, indwelling believers and empowering them to do the **greater works**.

John 7:39; John 14:16-17; John 14:26; John 15:26; John 16:13; Acts 1:5; Acts 1:8

3. Jesus promised to SUPPLY OUR NEEDS from heaven.

It does not mean to ask for FRIVOLOUS things or tack His name on the end of a prayer.

There are at least three things it means to ask in Jesus' name.

- **First** it means to make requests consistent with His WILL and PURPOSE for His kingdom.

Matthew 6:10 (NASB95) — ¹⁰ "Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

- **Second** it is to acknowledge your POVERTY before God and unworthiness in view of CHRIST and your dependence upon Him to SUPPLY every NEED.

Philippians 4:19 (NASB95) — ¹⁹ "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

- **Third** its reward is that GOD would be glorified in the answer and outcome.

When we pray in this way, our pray honors, glorifies and magnifies:

- His PERSON
- His PURPOSES
- His PREEMINENCE

Prayer demonstrates our belief that Jesus:

- is continually PRESENT WITH US
- is PREPARING A PLACE in heaven for us
- is the ONLY WAY to God

- IS GOD incarnate
- is our SUSTAINING POWER, and
- Is OUR CERTAIN EXPECTATION that He will perfectly fulfill His promises with heavenly supply and regularity.