

Prayers That Resonate With God: Lovingkindness



Scripture

- **I John 5:14-15**

¹⁴This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

- **Genesis 32:9-12**

⁹Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD, who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your relatives, and I will prosper you,' ¹⁰I am unworthy of all the loving kindness and of all the faithfulness which You have shown to Your servant; for with my staff *only* I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two companies. ¹¹Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, that he will come and attack me *and* the mothers with the children. ¹²For You said, 'I will surely prosper you and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which is too great to be numbered.'"

Other Scriptures

- James 4:2
- Matt.5:3
- John 16:24
- Mark 11:24
- I Cor. 2:9-10
- Hebrews 4:15
- Gen.32:22-32
- Galatians 3:14
- Matt. 3:2; 4:17; 7:11
- John 10:10
- 3 John 1:2
- John 13:23

Main Points

- When we ask God for things that He desires for us, we can be assured that He answers us.
- The place that we receive what we have asked of God is first in the spirit.
- You can trust God to give you favor and provision.
- The true Gospel begins with repentance and dependence, and then understanding and believing in God's heart to bless you from His loving heart.
 - True repentance means to pick up our cross and ourselves, and to seek Jesus first.
 - God wants to bless and prosper you!
 - God desires to bless His children.

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- We can ask God to bless and prosper us.
 - *Father God, I want to thank you that you blessed me in Jesus.*
 - *Father, I want to thank you that you love me.*
 - *Father, thank you that you chose me.*
 - *Father, thank you that you're my Father and I am your child.*
 - *Father, thank you for forgiving me through Jesus.*
 - *You said to me, "...if you gave me your only Son, you would also, freely with Him, give me all things."*
 - *Father God, I thank you now. I ask you to bless me and to prosper me just like you did Jacob, and just like Jesus taught, and just like John prayed.*
- Jacob was intimate enough with God to be able to cast his burdens upon Him.
- You can share your heart with God.
- Jesus is a delivering God!
- God wants you to know Him personally as the God that will deliver you.
- *Father God, King Jesus, thank you that you love me. I come to you today with bended knee, thanking you for who you are to me—that you are the God of love and the God of forgiveness. I ask you now to forgive me for my sins, to cleanse me and forgive me of my pride. I ask you Lord Jesus to cleanse me and forgive me for any sin that I might have done that has put me today in this predicament. Thank you Jesus that through your blood I become white as snow. I ask you to deliver me today, to turn the tables on my enemies. Even as you delivered Jacob from his brother...even as you delivered Israel out of Egypt...Father I ask you to deliver me today.*

Discussion Questions

1. As you consider the Rabbi's teaching today and do a little self-inventory, how do you balance the two aspects he talked about—dependence and humility in prayer over prideful presumption? Write down some ideas or scriptures that could help you stay more dependent and grateful?
2. Compare Jacob and John's relationship with the God of the universe. Jacob could confess his fears and ask for help; John could actually lay his head upon Jesus bosom. Do you experience those levels of dependence and freedom with God today? Begin a conversation with God today that could be your first or next step in intimacy with Him. Be honest and real with Him.
Share, ask and depend upon Him—He is faithful to His promises!
3. Rabbi demonstrated two types of prayer for you today; one for blessing and one for deliverance. Did you find these prayer examples helpful? Continue to pray in this manner, building and adding to your intimate connection with the Father who loves you. Let us know at DTJJ Ministries how God uses this teaching to strengthen your spiritual walk.