

It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

Standing on the Essence of God - -

Psalms 143:1 Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications! Answer me in Your faithfulness, in Your righteousness!

1 Corinthians 2:11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

The Life of Trust, George Müller

Previously we observed the Lord Jesus Christ's exercise of sovereign omnipotence to instantaneously whither a living fig tree – overturning the laws of the natural world.

Matthew 21:21-22 And Jesus answered and said to them, “Truly I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ it will happen. ²²“And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

POD - It is by **faith** through **prayer** that Jesus Christ wields His sovereign omnipotence from the right hand of God the Father.

The prayer of faith sets God in motion!

John 14:12 “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.

➤ **he who believes in Me** - ὁ πιστεύων – **HO PISTEUON** – “*the believing one or the one who believes*”
- - ***The one who is believing*** - -

- It is by prayer that the believer accomplishes greater things.
- Not just any prayer - but the prayer of faith.
- The believer prays with faith and does not doubt.
- They are greater things because their fulfillment brings glory to God.

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me

The one who is believing - trusting and depending - with an attitude of expectancy.

POD - It is the one who is trusting in the Lord Jesus to do what he requests of the Father that accomplishes greater things.

JOHN 14:13 **WHATEVER YOU ASK IN MY NAME, THAT WILL I DO, SO THAT THE FATHER MAY BE GLORIFIED IN THE SON.**

PROTOCOL OF PRAYER

1. Address God the Father (Matt. 6:8-9).
2. By means of the Spirit (Eph. 6:18).
 - a. Filling (Eph. 5:18).
 - b. Leading (Gal. 5:18; Rom. 8:14).
 - c. Bearing Witness (Rom. 8:16; 9:1).
3. In the name of Jesus Christ (Jn. 14:13).
4. IAW the will of God (Jn. 14:13; Rom. 12:2, 8:26)
5. For the Glory of God (Jn 14:13).
6. With faith/trust (Jas. 1:6-7; Mk. 11:24).
7. Malleability to the will of God (Matt. 26:36-44; Rom. 8:26).

Hebrews 1:1-3 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created . . . all things have been created through Him and for Him.

³ And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. . .

All things obey His commands.

All things are subject to His sovereign omnipotence.

. . . When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

The glorified resurrected humanity of Christ sat down at the right hand of God the Father.

It is because He is seated at the right hand of the Father that the believer can accomplish greater things.

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

What does the fact that Jesus Christ is immutable mean to you?

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly **beyond all that we ask or think**, according to the power that works within us, ²¹ to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Note the context - -

Ephesians 3:14-19

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,

The context is one of prayer - -

¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, ²¹ to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus. . .

ἐν τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ καὶ ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ - “*by means of the church and Christ Jesus*”

It is because the church is trusting in the Lord Jesus, who is seated at the Father's right hand, to fulfill what they request of the Father that greater things are accomplished and the Father is glorified in the Son.

. . . to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

- Did Jesus Christ have to be physically present to heal the centurion's servant who was sick and about to die?

Luke 7:1-7

When He had completed all His discourse in the hearing of the people, He went to Capernaum. ² And a centurion's slave, who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die. ³ When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders asking Him to come and save the life of his slave. ⁴ When they came to Jesus, they earnestly implored Him, saying, "He is worthy for You to grant this to him; ⁵ for he loves our nation and it was he who built us our synagogue." ⁶ Now Jesus started on His way with them; and when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof; ⁷ for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

vs. 9 Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the crowd that was following Him, **I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith."**

vs. 10 *When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.*

- Have things changed?

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.