

Confidence in prayer

1 John 5:14-15

Introduction:

We have all seen the cell phone commercial that says can you hear me now. Have you ever felt that way when it comes to prayer? We can have the confidence that God answers prayer but there are a few things that we must do. So join with me as we look at 1 John 5:14-15.

Scripture:

14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Key Points:

1. We need a non-condemning heart
2. We must pray in Gods will.

Outline:

1. We need a non-condemning heart.
 - a. What does it mean to condemn?.
 - i. Condemn- To cast sentence on someone.
 - b. What does it mean to have a non-condemning heart?
 - i. It is a heart our heart that we have cleansed through the confession of our sin to the God whom we believe.
 - ii. We must make sure our own heart doesn't condemn us before God
 - c. Unconfessed sin is an obstacle to answered prayer.
 - i. (Psalms 66:18) If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear.
 - d. In order for our prayers to be answered we must abide in Christ in love and obedience.
 - i. Abide- conform or to Be like Christ
 - ii. If we are having trouble with others we need to get that taken care of for our prayers to be heard.
 - (1) (John 15:7) If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.
 - iii. Im not saying we have lost our salvation because we didn't, what Christ Jesus did on the cross to redeem us last forever.
2. We must pray in Gods will
 - a. You may be thinking how do we know what Gods will is?
 - i. We don't know directly but we can see were God is working and start praying in that direction.
 - (1) We know that God desires for all to be saved so we can pray for those who are in need of salvation.
 - (2) We can see that there are those who are in physical need so we can pray in that direction.

- ii. We do not serve a name it and claim it God.
 - (1) (Phillipians 4:19) My God will supply all your needs.
 - (2) HE will fulfill the needs and the prayers that will accomplish what HE needs done for HIS kingdom in Heaven
 - (a) You may be thinking this God is all one sided everything we do is for HIS benefit.
 - (b) But look what HE has done on your behalf.
 - (i) You have life eternal with HIM in glory instead of torment forever in Hell.

We have the confidence in prayer because of what HE did on the cross, a God that can defeat death is a God that can answer prayer in a way that all can benefit.

Has your heart sentenced you before God? Confess your sins no matter how small you think they may be and watch your prayers tickle the ears of the savior. Its time to have confidence in prayer.

Conclusion:

Let today be the day that your prayer life changes. Are you ready to have your prayers heard like never before?