"Promises" (11)

"...[God] has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire." (2 Peter 1:4)

Promise of Petition

<u>Jeremiah 33:3</u> – "<u>Call to me and I will answer you</u>, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known."

<u>John 16:23-24</u> – (23) "In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. (24) Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."

<u>Hebrews 4:16</u> – "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

1 John 5:14-15 — (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." (NKJV)

God is Drawn to the Humble, Confident Petitioner

Royal Request

<u>Kings 20:1-6</u> — (1) "In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, 'Thus says the LORD, 'Set your house in order, for you shall die; you shall not recover.'

(2) Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, saying,

(3) 'Now, O LORD, please remember how I have walked before you in faithfulness and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in your sight.' And Hezekiah

wept bitterly. (4) And before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, the word of the LORD came to him: (5) 'Turn back, and say to Hezekiah the leader of my people, Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Behold, I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD, (6) and I will add fifteen years to your life. I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city for my own sake and for my servant David's sake."

Petition Parameters:

(1) Ask in accordance to the Person & Purpose of Jesus

"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it." (John 14:13-14)

"You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions." (James 4:3)

(2) Ask with an Attitude of Gratitude

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (Philippians 4:6)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Have I been timid in regards to making my petitions known to God? Is it ok to ask more than once about the same thing? (Luke 18:1-8)