

MEMORY VERSE #2: ASSURANCE OF ANSWERED PRAYER

Another attack of Satan may be to cause you to doubt the effectiveness of prayer. You may catch yourself thinking, “How can God be really personally interested in me? He seems far away and is probably concerned about more important things. Does He hear me when I pray—much less answer my prayers?”

Now that Jesus Christ is your Savior and Lord you have the unique privilege of speaking directly with your heavenly Father through Him. He wants you to come confidently into His presence (Hebrews 4:16) and to talk to Him about everything (Philippians 4:6). He is intensely interested in you and your needs. In the second passage, John 16:24, Jesus gives us His Assurance of Answered Prayer: “Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.”

Jesus did not say His disciples had never asked before. You yourself have probably asked many times, especially when in trouble. But now you can ask in Jesus’ name because you belong to Him. To ask in His Name means to ask in His authority and on His merit. Just as the Father answered Jesus’ every prayer, so will He answer your call and meet your needs. Memorize this wonderful promise. Apply its truth and experience the joy of answered prayer.