

I Chronicles 29; Lord's Day 52

CONFIDENCE IN PRAYER

1. Founded in the doxology.

1. All solid confidence that God will answer this prayer arises from what we know about God.

1. First, that He is our Father (the address).

2. Second, the “kingdom” belongs to our Father - because He is King, He has all authority.

3. And His is the “power,” i.e., the ability to implement His authority and enforce His will.

4. Finally, the “glory” is our Father’s.

- This doxology is the basis for the petitions we have brought to God: “for.”

1. “Thine” shows the connection between this concluding doxology and the address.

2. This doxology gives the reason we are so confident of an answer.

- Our confidence in praying this prayer (and all our prayers) is also expressed with “Amen.”

1. This is a transliterated Hebrew word into Greek and then into English which means, “certain” or “true” (not “I agree”).

2. By ending our prayers with this word, we are expressing our solemn promise to God that we prayed sincerely.

3. Further, “amen” is our expressing the assurance that in spite of our desire being weak and a small beginning, we know our Father will hear and answer.

1. That is because God finds the reason to answer in Himself, in His unbreakable promises.

2. Our Father, Who is so able and so willing, will not put to shame those who wait on Him (Psalm 25:3).