

What Is Thy Petition, and It Shall Be Granted Thee:

by F.B. Meyer

The sermon emphasizes the power of a pure and noble character to awaken a nobler life in others and the importance of praying in the name of Christ to access God's willingness to exceed our requests.

Scripture: Esther 7:2, John 15:7, John 16:23, Ephesians 3:20

Topics: "Intercession", "Prayer"

Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes the profound connection between Esther and King Ahasuerus, illustrating how a noble character can awaken a higher nature within others. He draws parallels to God's willingness to grant our petitions, highlighting that our prayers must align with the nature of Christ, allowing the Holy Spirit to intercede on our behalf. Meyer encourages believers to embody unselfishness and purity, which can inspire those around them to pursue a Christ-like ideal. Ultimately, he reassures that when we pray in the name of Jesus, God is ready to respond beyond our expectations.

Transcript

What is thy petition, and it shall be granted thee:

and what is thy request? Esther vii. 2.

AMID the sensual conceptions of marriage that obtained in this heathen empire there was doubtless a consciousness in the king's breast of the essential unity between himself and his beautiful queen. She was his better self, and in her pleading he heard the voice of his own higher nature. To nothing less than this could he have made so far-reaching a promise. It was not so much Ahasuerus pledging himself to Esther, as Ahasuerus, the king, awakening to the appeal of a nobler Ahasuerus, for the most part buried. Such is the power of a pure and noble character awakening a nobler life. Will you try by your unselfishness and purity to awaken those around you to see and follow an ideal, which shall presently assume the form of the living Christ?

In these words of the king we are reminded that God is willing to do beyond what we ask or think. Not to the half of his kingdom, but to the whole extent of it, has God pledged Himself, "according to the power that worketh in us." But our prayer must be in the name, or nature, of Christ; that is, the nature of Christ must pray in us, and God must recognise Himself come back through the circle of our intercession to

Himself. The Spirit must make intercession in us, according to the will of God. When the unselfish, lovely, and holy nature of Jesus pleads in us by the Holy Ghost, there is nothing that God will not do for us, even to the whole of his kingdom.

"If ye abide in Me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

"Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name He will give it you."

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