

## **1. GOD says ask**

Asking is GOD's way of keeping us humble and focused on Him instead of our needs. Asking reveals our dependence on GOD and allows us to understand what "Fearing GOD" really means. The word "fear" means respect, faith, service, and reverence – Worship. We become like what we worship.

Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

James 4:2-3 You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask GOD. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

Philippians 4:13 Be anxious about nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to GOD; and the peace of GOD will guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus.

## **2. Ask according to His will**

The will of GOD is revealed in the Bible – GOD's living word. Once we know His will, we can partner with Him to call it into being. The promise shown below should motivate us to study the Bible. Our purpose should be to discern the will of GOD so we can partner with Him to accomplish His will – His purpose.

1 John 5:14-15 This is the confidence we have in approaching GOD: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.

This is not an isolated promise. Matthew 6:9 (The Lord's Prayer) and Romans 12:1-2 and Romans 8:29 echo this message. The will of GOD is for believers to be like Jesus.

## **3. Pray the solution, not the problem**

Telling GOD about a problem is complaining – it helps our enemy. Once we ask according to His will and know He heard us, we may say what GOD says about the problem and agree with GOD for His will to come to pass on Earth ... as it does in Heaven. GOD's will for your life: Matthew 6:33, "Seek first the Kingdom of GOD and its righteousness." – The result is that GOD will meet your needs. You have the righteousness of GOD in Christ. A kingdom is defined by authority and power. Paul wrote that the Kingdom of GOD is a matter of power and not of words.

#### **4. GOD is the solution to the problem**

We tend to think of GOD as having the solution instead of being the solution. The truth is that when GOD manifests His presence, life changes. Psalm 138:2 says that GOD magnifies His word according to all His name(s.) When we pray GOD's word in faith – GOD will cause the world to respond – for His Glory. Pray Psalm 23. It contains 8 covenant names of GOD. A covenant is a promise – a legal document. The covenants are promises the Bible shows GOD made unilaterally – swearing by Himself. How reliable is GOD? In the Bible, Jesus says we are heirs to a new covenant – based on the sacrifice of His body and blood and that we are able to do greater things than He did when He was on Earth. How reliable is His testimony? Ask GOD to reveal Himself – to empower His word – for His Glory.