

“Prayer: Our Confidence Is in God!”
Matthew 6:13

As we pray, we learn to take our encouragement from God alone.

We learn to buttress our petitions with arguments – not arguments about ourselves or our worthiness – but arguments about God, His person and His greatness!

Note: We are to begin with God in prayer and end with God in prayer! Perspective!!

1. Our Heavenly Father is Sovereign over All *“For Yours is the kingdom...”*

(1) His sovereign purpose will be fulfilled! cf. Ps. 33:10-11

- His will cannot be thwarted!

- This is a wonderful encouragement to prayer!

(2) His is the kingdom that will ever increase and that will last forever!

(3) He works all things together for good for the sake of His beloved children

cf. Rom. 8:28

- “Even the devil is God’s devil!” (Luther) cf. Job 1

- “Every joy or trial falleth from above!”

- Every *fall* of the Christian, though grievous, is controlled. cf. Lk. 22:31-44

2. Our Heavenly Father is All-Powerful; Nothing is too difficult for Him!

“...and the power...”

(1) Is there not ample testimony of this in the creation?

- Jeremiah 32:17

- This is set before our eyes every day!

(2) He delights to reveal His power – especially in His saving mercies! Lk. 18:27

(3) Learn to say it often to Him – to praise Him for it!

- “Oh my Father, nothing is too difficult for you!”

3. Our Heavenly Father will be glorified in all things! *“...and the glory forever.”*

**(1) God is glorified supremely in His beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
and will be glorified supremely in Him!**

- He will be exalted before all the world – every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father Phil. 2

- God will be entirely vindicated before the whole world, before angels and men.

Every mouth will be shut; all sin entirely judged!

All perplexities resolved and every question answered.

(2) This is to shape all of our prayers: That God would be glorified in all things:

- In the world

- In the church,

- In our own lives, and in the lives of those whom we love.

Further Application