

**Psalm 115; Lord's Day 52**  
**OUR LORD CONCLUDES HIS PRAYER**

- I. Jesus teaches us to be conscious of three things as the basis for our prayer.
  - A. First, God's is the "kingdom," i.e., He has all authority.
    - 1. In spite of what the devil says are his (Matt. 4:8,9), our heavenly Father is enthroned over all.
    - 2. God is King "forever."
  - B. God has the "power," i.e. the ability to implement His authority and enforce His will.
    - 1. God's power created, sustains, and directs all things physical in creation.
    - 2. Our Father is able to do exceeding abundantly (Eph. 3:20)!
  - C. And He is alone worthy of the praise: "the glory."
    - 1. God's glory is the radiation from His perfect and infinite majesty, which includes all His perfect attributes.
    - 2. That our Father has the glory assures us that He works all for Himself.
- II. "For..." The basis for our requests is the fact that our Father possesses all authority, power, and glory.
  - A. We prayed these petitions because God's is the kingdom, power, and glory.
  - B. With this conclusion we are assured that God can, does, and will answer our prayer.
    - 1. That we believe these truths shows that we have experienced God's initial work of salvation in us.
    - 2. Aware of these truths, we are assured of God's help as we continue our pilgrim walk in this world.
  - C. And this conclusion serves as the motive for our life and walk on this earth.
- III. "Amen" expresses our confidence in praying this prayer (and all our prayers).
  - A. "Amen" is a transliterated Hebrew word into Greek and then into English which means, "certain" or "true."
    - 1. In the Old Testament it indicates a person's solemn agreement to a truth or law (Num. 5:22; Deut. 27:15ff).
    - 2. In the New Testament it is used after declaration of blessings, praise, and prayers.
  - B. By ending our prayers this way, we have two reasons for certainty.
    - 1. First, this is our solemn promise to God that we prayed sincerely.
    - 2. And this is a declaration of assurance that God will certainly hear and answer.
  - C. "Amen" is a sign and seal to God and to us.