

He Does What We Ask

This morning I was reading the twentieth of thirty-one lessons in Andrew Murray's little classic *With Christ in the School of Prayer*. The title of the chapter is "That the Father may be glorified, or The Chief End of Prayer". It is a commentary on John 14:13: "*I go unto the Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*" Andrew Murray says of this verse, "There is nothing of which the Beloved Son has said more distinctly that it will glorify the Father than this, His doing what we ask."

And then it struck me...God is glorified, honored, and magnified when He answers prayer — when He does something for us — when He does what we ask — what an awesome revelation of His nature. Is God so grand a Servant to His creation as to "do what they ask"? And yet, that is what answered prayer is: God doing what we ask. And to think that such a thing brings glory to Him — to be known as One who does what WE ASK!!

How humble and loving and generous and self-sacrificing and merciful and gracious and longsuffering He must really be...what can it be like to know such a servant hearted Father, Son and Spirit! What a different God He is from what we would dream up in our unredeemed flesh. Who would ever think that the God who created the heavens and the earth would be waiting to "do what we ask"? And to think that we consider it such a holy thing when we finally begin to pray. How holy and awesomely glorious is the answer that comes from an Almighty God who is willing to "do whatever we ask" in Jesus' name! What a grand and glorious privilege it is to have such a promise as this, "*And whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name, that will I do...*"

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