The Power Behind the Incarnation of Jesus Christ is Accessible to us Via Faith & Prayer!

If we have been spiritually born-again, God is our Heavenly Father and we are his dearly loved children (Jn 1:12, 3:16; Rm 8:14-17; Gal 3:26, 4:4-7; Eph 1:3-5, 2:4; I Jn 3:1-2, 16). We have the privilege of bringing our requests to our Father (Phil 4:6-7; Heb 4:14-16). Here are some great Biblical truths relating to our privilege of praying for what we desire:

- 1) Jesus said "the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (Jn 10:10). Satan wants to destroy your life, BUT God wants you to have a <u>full</u> and spiritually fruitful life. The good news is that God is far stronger than Satan! (I Jn 4:4; Jn 12:31-32; Col 2:15; Heb 2:14-15).
- 2) We miss out on some blessings/miracles because of our lack of faith in God (Mt 13:58). [Faith = "being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see" Heb 11:1].
- 3) We miss out on some blessings/miracles because we do not ask (James 4:2).
- 4) We need to have faith in God, and <u>ask</u> Him for miracles and blessings (Mt 7:7-10, 21:22; Mk 11:22-24; Jn 14:12-14, 15:16, 16:23-24).
- 5) We need to remember: <u>NOTHING</u> IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD!! (Mt 19:23-26; Mk 10:27; Lk 18:27; <u>Lk 1:26-37</u>)
- 6) We need to pray persistently and not give up! (Lk 11:5-10, 18:1-8).
- 7) To summarize: Don't give up on any "impossible" situation, but keep <u>praying</u>, have <u>faith</u> in God, and remember that <u>nothing is impossible for God!</u>

Jesus said if we ask <u>anything</u> in His name, He will do it (Jn 14:13-14, 16:23). What if we don't get everything we ask for? Does the Bible give some conditions to the promise of Jesus? Yes -- our prayers may not be answered because:

- 1) Our request is outside the will of God (I Jn 5:14).
- 2) We have wrong motives (Jm 4:3).
- 3) We are not abiding in Christ and His words (Jn 15:7; Ps 37:4).
- 4) We are not bearing spiritual fruit (Jn 15:16).
- 5) We do not keep His commands and do what pleases Him (I Jn 3:21-22).
- 6) We have unconfessed and cherished sin in our life (Ps 32:1-5, 66:18; Is 59:1-2).
- 7) We have an unforgiving spirit (Mk 11:25).
- 8) We lack faith (Jm 1:6; Mt 21:21-22; Mk 11:22-24).
- 9) We lack persistence (Lk 11:5-10, 18:1-8).
- 10) A husband's prayers can be hindered due to lack of respect for his wife (I Pet 3:7).