

Intro:

READ WLC Q&A 180.

Main Point of Text: Jesus says that when we ask God to help us to serve Him through our earthly setbacks, He will do whatever we request because it will glorify His Father in heaven.

Sermon Point: *Have Mercy for His Name's Sake*

Move 1: Boldly believe on Christ's mediation for yourself.

LC: "by drawing our encouragement to pray, and our boldness, strength, and hope of acceptance in prayer, from Christ and his mediation". Not reckless pride. Confidence in Christ: Eph. 3:12; Heb. 4:14-16; 10:19; 1 Jn. 5:13-15

LC: "not by bare mentioning of his name": Mat. 7:21 (1 Thes. 4:3; 5:18). Mat 7:7; 21:22; Mark 11:24.

Move 2: Don't doubt Christ's mediation for Himself.

LC: "To pray in the name of Christ is, in obedience to his command, and in confidence on his promises". He promises to give mercy to those who obey His command to ask for it.

LC: "to ask mercy for his sake": John 14:13-14:

- Whatsoever ye shall ask. Qualified by 1 Jn. 5:14 (according to his will). And clarified by Jn. 14:1, 13:38. Lk. 22:31-32. Jesus will help you get up and get back from sinful setbacks.
- So long as you ask in Christ's name (said twice). Through His mediation; "blood righteousness".
- "I will do" said twice. No room for doubt.
- Why is He willing to do this? Same reason He came to die on the cross. *To glorify the Father.*

Rom. 9:15-16, 22-24.

Jn. 16:23-24: ... *Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.*

Conclusion:

Ps. 23:1-3, 6.

Have Mercy for His Name's Sake.