

Psalm 115; Lord's Day 52
PRAYER'S DOXOLOGY

- I. What Jesus gives as His prayer's doxology is the firm foundation for every prayer and for all of life.
 - A. Know that our heavenly Father has the right and authority to answer our prayers, for His is the "kingdom.
 - B. Know that our heavenly Father has the "power," i.e. the ability to implement His authority and enforce His will.
 - C. And know that He is worthy of all praise: "the glory.'
- II. "For..." means that our Father's possession of all authority, power, and glory serves:
 - A. As the foundation for this prayer and for all of our prayers.
 1. This implies that we do not ask for whatever we want because our knowledge of heavenly Father.
 2. With this concluding foundation we are assured that God can, does, and will answer our prayer.
 - B. As the goal for our prayers and for our life: this conclusion serves as the motive for our life and walk on this earth.
 1. Having these truths before us, helps us to keep a right focus now.
 2. Having learned these truths, we are assured of God's help as we continue our pilgrim walk in this world.
- 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" (not "I agree").
 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 declarations of blessings, praise, and prayers.
 3. Jesus is the Amen of God (John 14:6; Rev. 3:14) because He spoke authoritatively and He is the faithful and true Witness.
 - B. "Amen" is a sign and seal to God that we prayed sincerely.
 - C. And "amen" is a sign and seal to us; it is a declaration of assurance that God will certainly hear and answer.