

## **THE SPIRIT'S REDEMPTION OF OUR PRAYERS**

*Prayer is not the cunning art of using God, subjecting Him to one's selfish ends in an effort to get out of Him what you want.*

Baron Friedrich von Hugel, *Philosophy of Religion*

### **Romans 8:26-27 (HCSB)**

**26** In the same way the Spirit also joins to help in our weakness, because **we do not know what to pray for as we should**, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with unspoken groanings. **27** And He who searches the hearts knows the Spirit's mind-set, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

### **1 John 5:14-15 (HCSB)**

**14** Now this is the confidence we have before Him: Whenever we ask anything **according to His will**, He hears us. **15** And if we know that He hears whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked Him for.

### **Isaiah 65:24 (HCSB)**

**24** Even before they call, I will answer;  
while they are still speaking, I will hear.