

## 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 Hugal, *Philosophy of Religion*

### **Acts 2:40 (HCSB)**

**40** And with many other words he testified and strongly urged them, saying, "Be saved from this corrupt generation!"

### **1 Corinthians 15:50 (HCSB)**

**50** Brothers, I tell you this: Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, and corruption cannot inherit incorruption.

### **Colossians 1:23b (HCSB)**

**23 . . .**This gospel has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and I, Paul, have become a servant of it.

### **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.