

## GOD PROMISING TO ANSWER PRAYER.

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I do not think that the promises refer to prayers offered up one for another only, though this is a large part of the cases put forward in Scripture, "pray one for another," "for me also," "labouring earnestly for you in prayers," and many others; but the prayer of faith is not confined to this. There are prayers for opening the door for the gospel and for all men. If it be not the prayer of positive faith, we are told in all things to present our requests to God, but then the answer is, or may be only, that "God's peace which passes all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." For the prayer of faith, or the promise to it, there are certain limits as to the certainty of answer, such as "in My name," "according to His will," "if ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will," "if two of you agree"; besides what stops prayer, as "a sin unto death." But then I see no limits put to the expectation of faith *if God gives it*. If it be my will asking amiss to consume it on my lusts, I cannot expect an answer. But the Lord contemplates the giving of faith and certainty of answer for drying up of the fig-tree or removing a mountain, and whatever I can ask believing, I receive it. This is a very important principle. But first the limits on which formal promise of answer rests besides spe-