

John 11:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God,
God will give it thee.

Analysis

Martha's faith rises above disappointment. Despite what has happened, she affirms ongoing confidence: 'even now' God will grant Jesus' requests. She doesn't explicitly request Lazarus' resurrection—perhaps not daring to hope—but expresses open-ended faith. Her words demonstrate the Reformed doctrine of progressive faith: despite incomplete understanding, she trusts Christ's access to the Father and divine willingness to answer. This faith will be rewarded beyond her imagination.

Historical Context

The phrase 'even now' suggests Martha's faith extended beyond healing to resurrection, though she may not have fully grasped this herself. Her language echoes intercessory prayer patterns in Jewish tradition.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How can we maintain 'even now' faith when circumstances seem beyond hope?
2. What does Martha's open-ended trust teach about prayer without dictating outcomes?
3. In what ways does incomplete understanding not negate genuine faith?

Interlinear Text

ἀλλὰ	καὶ	νῦν	οἶδα	ὅτι	ὅσα	ἂν	αἰτήσῃ	τὸν
But	that even	now	I know	whatsoever	G3745	G302	thou wilt ask	G3588
G235	G2532	G3568	G1492	G3754			G154	
θεός	δώσει	σοι	ὁ	θεός				
God	will give	it thee	G3588	God				
G2316	G1325	G4671		G2316				

Additional Cross-References

John 9:31 (References God): Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

Mark 9:23 (Parallel theme): Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

Matthew 28:18 (Parallel theme): And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.