

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 ἀν 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.