

Faith Talk

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What does Amen mean?

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In our society today “Amen” has become another way for us to say we agree with something someone has said. "Amen to that" is a way of saying "for sure" or "I agree with that." But is this the proper use of the word Amen?

Amen means "it is true" or "it will certainly come to pass." The truth and certainty of Amen in our prayers is that God has heard our prayers and all His promises to us will certainly come to pass.

Prayer is used as a means of praising and thanking God as well as bringing our cares and concerns before Him. As we bring before God those things which are on our hearts and minds we can be confident that God does listen to our prayers and will give us what we need from Him. In Isaiah 65:24 God says "Before they call, I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear." Amen is a way of voicing this confidence we have in God and praising Him for it.

The word Amen is not to be used lightly but only with heartfelt conviction. We can never be 100% confident in anything we ourselves say. Only in the Lord do we have this surety. Isn't it great that we can have such a faith in God, knowing He will listen to us and give us what we need. In the words of the writer of Psalm 41 "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen."

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