

“The Joy of Asking in Jesus’ Name”

John 16:23-28

Jesus teaches of the rich benefit of prayer which He has opened to all who believe in Him.

1. His Sure Promise

v. 23

(1) A New Day!

“And in that day you will ask Me nothing.”

- A New Day in which **everything will be made clear!**

- All of the “big” questions answered!

(2) A New Day of Praying in Jesus’ Name!

*“Most assuredly, I say to you,
whatever you ask the Father in My name
He will give you.”*

-1- An authoritative word!

-2- A big promise – leveraged entirely on Jesus’ name

-3- What it means to pray in Jesus’ name:

To trust in Jesus’ merits alone, in His saving work alone,
as the *only* means of access to the Father
and the *only* basis of His answering of our prayer.

2. His Tender Urging

vv. 24-25

(1) The Disciples had not yet prayed in this way!

*“Until now
you have asked nothing in My name.”*

- They had not yet appealed in the name of Jesus.

(2) Even now, ask!

“Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”

-1- An invitation in advance of that great day, to ask much!

-2- A particular joy to be known in asking and receiving from the Father

(3) What was needed? *“...the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father.”* v. 25

The clear and full revelation of the Father – the completed revelation
The revelation of the Father’s perfect favor secured through Jesus Christ

3. His Bright Prophetic Word

vv. 26-28

(1) In that day they will ask in Jesus’ name!

“In that day you will ask in My name...”

They will ask in Jesus’ name – trusting, resting in His person and work.
They will understand that they have been granted
that same access to the Father which Jesus enjoys!

(2) They will not need to ask Jesus to pray for them!

*“I do not say to you
that I shall pray the Father for you”*

- Jesus is *not* saying, “You won’t need Me in the matter of prayer.”!

- Rather, His saving work – so perfect – provides the true foundation for *all of prayer!*

(3) All is based entirely upon the Mediatorial work of Jesus!

-1- The Father loves the child of God
as He loves His own Son!

*“for the Father Himself loves you,
because you have loved Me,
and have believed that I came forth from God.”*

-2- Jesus has done for fallen men what they could never do for themselves!

*“I came forth from the Father and have come into the world.
Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”*

Further Application: