

“Show us the Father”

I. **INTRO:**

- A. **Desi** shares Denver update.
- B. Remember the disciples were *troubled* & Jesus encouraged them with: **their future home** (heaven) & **the perfect way** (Jesus).
 - 1. **And now this week**, He will continue encouraging with: **Seeing the Father** (you've already seen Him); & **the power of prayer** (you'll still be connected to Jesus); & **the coming helper** (we're never alone w/the H.S.)
- C. **Outline: Seeing the Father; Asking in Jesus Name; & Enjoying the Holy Spirit, forever.**

II. **SHOW US THE FATHER!**

- A. **SEEING THE FATHER!** (7-11)
 - B. Jesus **revealed the Father** by what He **said & did!** (i.e.) **words & works.**
 - C. Philip cried the prayer of so many...*I just want to see God! God show yourself!!!*
 - D. Philip was waiting, *like many even today*, for the Father to be shown in **thunder & lightning** in the splendor of Sinai.
 - 1. He missed the *daily unfolding* of the life of Jesus.
 - 2. Philip got to *familiar* with Jesus, & missed the Father.
 - E. Apart from **Knowing Jesus** we could never **Know/See** the Father.
- F. **ASKING IN JESUS NAME!** (12-14)
 - G. Jesus **glorifies the Father** **through** His people as we do His works & keep His commandments!
 - H. (12a) **The works that Jesus did believers will do also** - What works did He do? - *He proclaimed, He taught, He loved, He fed, He served.*
 - 1. What He did Christians **should be doing.**
 - I. (12b) **And Greater works** - How would they be greater?
 - 1. Not that Jesus was **Junior Varsity** & we are **Varsity!** [No, its 1 person vs. many]
 - J. Jesus in 1 place; at 1 time; teaching 1 group of people; teaching, feeding, healing 1 group of people. **Now** we're scattered in millions all across the globe.
 - 1. **Not in the magnitude** are we greater than Jesus; **but in the multitude.**
 - K. This is the 1 problem with the **Omni-present** becoming **singularly-present!**

- L. (13) **Whatever you ask in My name** - As one pastor put it, God *isn't* our **cosmic piñata!** And *In Jesus name* *isn't* the **magic stick** that whacks the piñata & all the goodies fall out of heaven!¹
1. I want a **car** *in Jesus name*; I want a **wife** *in Jesus name*; I want to be **tall & play in the NBA** *in Jesus name*.
 2. The people that are paid the big money to tell you that, ought to get **whacked with the magic stick**.
 3. **Christ** has been looked on too long as *the magic genie* in Aladdin's Lamp. And **prayer** the *fervent rub* to bring "it" to pass.
 - a) But the verse is **not** the *carte blanche* to gratify our every desire.
 - b) Isn't it the least bit weird that Jesus says, **The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority**; And then turns around & say that you can speak them on **your** own authority???
 4. God will answer specific prayers. **Which prayers?** Prayers that **glorify the Father** (13b).
 - a) Most prayers are about **self-glorification**, "*Lord make me: smart, healthy, wealthy, wise, attractive, tall...w/a hairy chest...or whatever!*"
 - b) **Make your prayers about: His business, His reputation, His honor, His dignity.**
 - c) Most of us don't need more goodies & stuff.
 5. Pray prayers that **glorify** the Father. **How? In Jesus' name. Which means?** According to Jesus' **will & mission**.
 - a) So, **Pray for the Fathers glory**, through the **will** of the Son. **Pray for those things that continue the works & the ministry** that Jesus has begun. **And, God will answer those kind of prayers.**
 - b) Pray for salvations, courage, health of the people of God (He said He'd build His church), Physical healing's, opportunity to serve. Pray to...
 - c) **Share the love of God; Expand the kingdom of God; Build the church of God; Glorify the name of God; Participate in the cause of God.**
 - (1) Your prayer life should be **centered** on these things.
 6. Prayer is not getting **God to "cry uncle"** by bending His arm behind His back, in order to get Him to do things.

¹ Mark Driscoll; Podcast Jn.14.

7. I agree with the 215 frwy theology *Prayer Changes Things*...But it's supposed to be **US** that changes, not **Him!**
- What's the primary purpose of prayer?* To change the hearts of God's people.
 - When you pray for someone's soul, what happens to you? **Your heart** becomes tender toward them. **Previous** they drove you crazy; **now** your attitude changes & you're patient, loving, compassionate, & kind.

M. Apart from *Knowing Jesus* we could never **Know/See** the Father.
Apart from *Prayer in Jesus name* we could never **Glorify** the Father.

N. **ENJOYING THE HOLY SPIRIT, FOREVER!** (15-18)

- O. (15) If you love Me keep My commandments (actually) *you will keep My commandments*
- If you love me, you will keep my commandments, **not** the other way around.
 - Love** makes **obedience** easy. **It's the delight of love to do what the loved one desires.**
 - When the heart grows dull, obedience becomes difficult.
 - The **proper response** of the Christian is **not** to grit his teeth and tough it out, **but** to remember who it is that asks this of him **and** the for his sake, to do it.²

P. (16,17) Wow, the **1st time** Jesus speaks to them of the Holy Spirit. (after 3 yrs.)

Q. The Holy Spirit is the Fathers **Gift** to you!

- Give** (16) - The Holy Spirit is a **gift** to us (we don't earn).
- Another**(16) (i.e. He's compared to Christ) The Spirit is a **person** & is **God**.
 - Allos(ἄλλος) another of the *same* kind & Heteros(ἕτερος) another of a *different* kind.
 - Gal.1:6,7 **I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a another(heteros) gospel, which is not another** (allos);
- Forever** (16b) - This gift will **never be taken back** from us.
 - The wonderful gift of **never being alone!** **Never think** no one **understands** your situation, or that no one **cares**. **We have an ever present friend/helper/counselor/advocate that provides infinite care!**
- Dwells with/in** (17b) - He **dwells with/in** God's people. *Characteristic of our dispensation*
- Teach & remembrance** (vs.26) - He is our **teacher & reminder**.

R. **Helper - Paraclete** - "*interpreter*" "*comforter*" "*advocate*" no one word suffices.

- It means "*one whom you call to your side in the battle or law-court.*"

² Ray Stedman, *Authentic Christianity*, p. 157

a) **Jackie Robinson** was the first *African-American* to play major league baseball. Breaking baseball's color barrier, he faced **jeering crowds** in every stadium. While playing one day in his home stadium in Brooklyn, he **committed an error**. The fans began to ridicule him. He stood at second base, humiliated, while the fans jeered. Then, shortstop **Pee Wee Reese** came over and stood next to him. He **put his arm around** Jackie Robinson and faced the crowd. The fans grew quiet. Robinson later said **that arm around his shoulder saved his career!**

2. **Para** - to come alongside. [Para-medic; para-military; para-chute (*Chute* = fall)]

3. *Parakletos* means "*called to one's aid*". (Barclay)

a) But it is **why** the person is called in, which gives the word its **distinction**.

b) It might be **one** called in to give witness in a law court in someone's favor.

c) It might be an **advocate** called in to plead the cause of someone under a charge of serious injury.

d) It might be an **expert** called in to give advice in some difficult situation.

e) It might be a **person** called in when a company of soldiers were depressed & dispirited to put new courage into their minds & hearts.

4. "**Always a *parakletos* is someone called in to help in time of trouble or need**".³

S. (18) **An orphan is** "a person deprived of **protection & position**."

1. **If you are no longer an orphan you are what?** Adopted!

2. If Jesus comes to you, you will then have **protection & position**.

T. **I will come to you** - In what sense does **Jesus** come to us? **Jesus was our 1st advocate:**

1. **Jesus was** called in to give witness in our favor; **Jesus was** called in to plead our cause; **Jesus was** called in to give advice in our difficult/impossible situation; **Jesus was** called in as His soldiers who were depressed & dispirited to put new courage into our minds & hearts.

U. Apart from **Knowing Jesus** we could never **Know/See** the Father.

Apart from **Prayer in Jesus name** we could never **Glorify** the Father.

Apart from **Help of the H.S.** we could never **Know** truth.

V. **Seeing** the Father; **Asking** in Jesus Name; & **Enjoying** the Holy Spirit, forever.

³ William Barclay; The Gospel of John; Vol.2, pp.166,167.

W. **Communion!** [1 Cor.11:23-26]

1. Remember the **Last Supper** lasts from 14:1-18:1.

X. **Bread: Broke Bread!** Brokenness. **God uses broken things:**

1. Broken soil to produce a crop; Broken clouds to give rain; Broken grain to give bread; Broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume; Broken Peter, who wept bitterly, who then returned to greater power than ever; Broken you?

2. **Hold elements & we'll partake together.**

Y. **Cup: Thanks!** Thanksgiving an expression of joy [This comes from a spirit released from sin]

Z. **End: Toast!** An ancient Jewish closing of the Passover meal (Since it is the hope of every devout Jew to celebrate the Passover at least once in David's city) the Jewish custom is to **end the meal with a toast**. Passover participants raise the cup and say, "***Next year, in Jerusalem!***" For all Christians, there will be a **last sharing of the bread and the cup on this side of eternity**: when we meet once again, we will be in Christ's presence. Let's raise our cups in anticipation and say, "***Next time, with Christ!***"

AA. **Labor Day Video!**