“A Promise of Answered Prayer for The Disciples of Jesus””

**John 16:23-24** Sunday July 30, 2023 Pastor Timothy Atkins

## INTRODUCTION READ John 16:1-33

In this Upper Room discourse given to us here in the Gospel of John the words of the Lord Jesus for His own disciples are filled with promises for faithful believing, blessings for fruitful abiding, and prophecies for hopeful living READ John 16:1, 33 being disciples making disciples

Here again we see the humble service, sacrificial love, and personal obedience by the Savior as He comforts His disciples at the time when He is going to the cross & die for them

humbly serving . . . sacrificially loving . . .

 faithfully abiding . . . personally believing . . .

1. A Word By Jesus About Going Away & Seeing Him Again 16:16-18

An Announcement by Jesus of His Resurrection The Absence Then Presence

1. Some Promises By Jesus About Blessed Understandings 16:19-24

 Having Joy & Praying to The Father

Some Encouragement by Jesus Because His Resurrection

1. For His Disciples His Promise Grief Will Become Joy 16:19-22

Joy = a deep, abiding inner thankfulness and gratitude to God which is not interrupted when undesirable life circumstances intrude confidence

three parts for joy: confidence in the promise of God,

 assurance of the power of God, and reliance on the plan of God

One unknown author represented joy as the royal banner flying from the

flagstaff of the heart, signaling that the King is in residence

1. For His Disciples His Promise of Answered Prayer 16:23-24
2. His Promise Declared For His Disciples

CONFIDENCE Who Do Ask and Will Receive 16:23a

“In that day you will not question Me about anything.

“Truly, truly, I say to you . . .” certainty, reliability, truth

1. His Promise Described for His Disciples

 ASSURANCE Who Believe Jesus & Know the Father 16:23b

“if you ask the Father for anything in My name,He will give it to you.”

 consistent with the character of Jesus What a promise by Jesus! 16:19

 relationship with the Father through asking in prayer--ground/access

Reality of a relationship with the Father through the Son taught by the Spirit

Asking in His name is that Which Is Done for & Because of Jesus cf. 14:13

 Son of God, Savior of the World, Resurrected Lord

As in the Old Testament the Name of God because of Who He Is and What He does is displayed in His guidance, His deliverance, and His existence

 “in My Name” John 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:24, 26 cf. Matthew 7:7-9

 illustration: first time praying out loud with others

1. His Promise Detailed For His Disciples

OBEDIENCE Who Pray and Have Joy 16:24

“Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full.”Remember John 15:11; 16:26

Of all the list of Christian duties there is none to which there is such abounding encouragement, as prayer . . . It is worth noticing here how very frequent and full are the encouragements to prayer which our Lord holds out to His disciples J. C. Ryle

 Seeing the Work of God . . . Having the Supply of God . . .

 Paul’s prayer in Colossians 1:9-12

CONCLUSION Confidence . . . Assurance . . . Obedience . . .

* Being a disciple of Jesus who acts upon these promises of Jesus in devoting yourself to prayer because of His words My Christian Ministry
* Being a disciple of Jesus who is asking in prayer and receiving from the Father so that your joy may be made full My Christian Testimony
* “And there is this marvelous new promise of answered prayer. Those answered prayers will bring a note, and an experience, and a disposition of joy that will make a Christian life worth living, and vital and marvelous. May we all have this joy.” S. Lewis Johnson My Christian Joy