

## Episode # 2-14 – John 16 Part 5 - The Day for Plain Speaking

I. The purpose of the gospel of John is to produce believers in the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the One anointed by God to be the Savior of the world, and that Jesus is the Son of God, God represented in human form.

II. We are continuing the teaching of the Lord on the road from the last supper in the upper room to Gethsemane. He is explaining to them about the coming sorrow they will have at His death, that will then be turned to joy at His resurrection. We were discussing that the ultimate joy for Israel will come when the kingdom of God is brought to the earth.

III. Isaiah 32:13-18. These things last forever...until! This shows that “forever” is not a good translation of the Hebrew “for the olam.” Here it means “perpetually...until.” When the Spirit is poured upon them, they will dwell quietly and securely. This will happen in the kingdom of God.

IV. John 16:23-24. Asking in His name.

- A. V.23. This is made confusing by the translation. There are two words here for “ask.” First *erotao*, asking someone to do something, verse 5. They will not need to ask Him to explain anything in that Day. Second word *aiteo*, asking someone to give you something, as an inferior to a superior. He wants them to ask for what they need. This is the same promise as John 14:14. Again, this promise has a context: John 16:12-15. They would need guidance, and all they have to do is ask and they will receive it.
- B. V.24. “Whatever” and “nothing” have a context, and the phrase “in My name” is important. They had asked for things in the past. Matthew 20:21b, 15:23b. Not the same things as here, and not asked in His name. This verse explains the Acts period.

V. John 16:25-33. Where He came from; where He’s going.

- A. V.25. Proverb = *paroimia*, a wayside saying (not a parable.) In God’s Kingdom, all will be plain. Even after His resurrection, He told them things more plainly.
- B. V.26. Ask = *aiteo*, asking Him to give them something. Pray = *erotao*. He will not have to ask the Father to do what His disciples asked.
- C. V.27. The Father Himself loves them, *phileo*, as friends. The Father and the Son are one in whom They love, which again shows their equality. Because they love the Lord Jesus, and because they believe He came from God. Not as if He is separated by coming, but He came forth as an extension.
- D. V.28. Again, He came forth as an extension. He returned shortly after this.
- E. V.29. Probably, they were having trouble understanding what He was talking about (we can sympathize!) Now, they get this part. Now they know what He meant when He said He was leaving them and they would see Him no more. He meant He was going back to the Father.
- F. V.30. Remember the context (John 16:16.) He answered the question they never asked. Now they know He knows all things. Now they believe He did come forth from God. Remember the purpose of John! Do you believe?
- G. V.31. They did believe, but that belief was about to be severely tested!
- H. V.32. The hour was coming, indeed, had arrived for His arrest, when they would abandon Him. “His own” means his own things, like your own house. Here, it probably means his own hiding place! In spite of their belief, they would leave the Lord alone in His hour of trial. He would not be alone, though, because of the Father. He would not leave Him alone until Mark 15:34 on the cross.

I. V.33. Peace = a joining together. His peace means joining with God! Not peace with the world (*kosmos*, order.) There they would face tribulation (pressure, testing.) They should not fear, for He has overcome the world order. The same is true for us!

VI. Conclusion: The ultimate joy for the disciples will be when the Lord makes His new Israel in the kingdom. Then they will understand and not need to ask, but should ask Him for what they need. He explained that He was returning to the Father, and they finally got it. Yet He predicted that they would all abandon Him. What a hard road our Lord faced as He sacrificed Himself for us! We should indeed be thankful for all He did on our behalf.