
Believe, Ask, Receive - Is It That Simple? (John 14:12-14)

Sadly, this amazing promise of Jesus has been abused by false teachers who have taken one passage and separated it from Scripture's whole counsel on prayer. In conjunction with the rest of Scripture though, this passage encourages the believer (esp. those in troubled times) that God hears and answers us.

The Great Dilemma...

1) What Is the _____? (v. 12)

Understanding “miraculous” & “greater” deeds...

See Heb 4:16; Rom 8:26-27; Ps 116:2; Eph 3:20-21

2) _____ Do You Ask? (v. 13)

Must we always end prayers with “...in Jesus’ name, Amen”?

What is the significance of the phrase “in my name”?
(See 1 Jn 5:14-15)

How the passage has been distorted...

“so that” –

(Compare James 1:5 & 4:2-3)

3) What Have You _____? (v. 14)

Unanswered Prayer May Be a Matter of _____ (1 Jn 3:22-23)

Unanswered Prayer May Be Due to How We're Treating Our _____ (1 Pt 3:7)

Unanswered Prayer May Be a _____

Additional Thoughts...

The tension we experience stems from the fact that we can know God's will of desires, but we can't know his will of decree.

Jesus' promise to do whatever we ask does not undermine the many Scriptures that exhort us to wait on the Lord.

We don't understand all that God is doing, so we may go to our graves not knowing why He seemingly didn't answer our prayers. (see Rom 11:33-36)