

“PROMISE OF POWERFUL PRAYER”

❖ Jesus Promises Power, John 14:12.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; And greater than these he will do, because I go to the Father.”

“believes”

The promise is two-fold:

1. We have power to **EQUAL** the works of Jesus.

What are the works Jesus did?

*Jesus’ miracles performed a special function: **sign miracles**

Supernatural events done by God directly through a person to authenticate the message of that person.

Clusters of miraculous --- Hebrews 2:3b-4.

Duration of sign miracles is temporary, because God is not giving new verbal revelation today.

(but Jesus does not say there is a time limit on his promise)

*The promise to equal the works of Jesus is still good today!

(but Jesus promises more!)

2. We have power to **EXCEED** the works of Jesus.

*Greater works = **spiritual work that gives eternal life --- Jn. 5:19-21**

*Spiritual works are greater in two ways:

quantity – **Day of Pentecost**

quality (John 15). -- **your fruit should remain; the test came for early converts burned at the stake or torn by lions.**

SUMMARY: Jesus promises that we will both equal and exceed His works. We equal them by doing the supernatural. We exceed them by doing the supranatural. **The Christian today has power greater than what Jesus displayed while on earth!**

How is this possible??

The answer is at the end of John 14:12 -- This power is possible because of the **ASCENSION**.

When Jesus ascended to the father, a whole new dimension of power opened up to believers.

❖ Jesus Promises Power through Prayer, John 14:13.

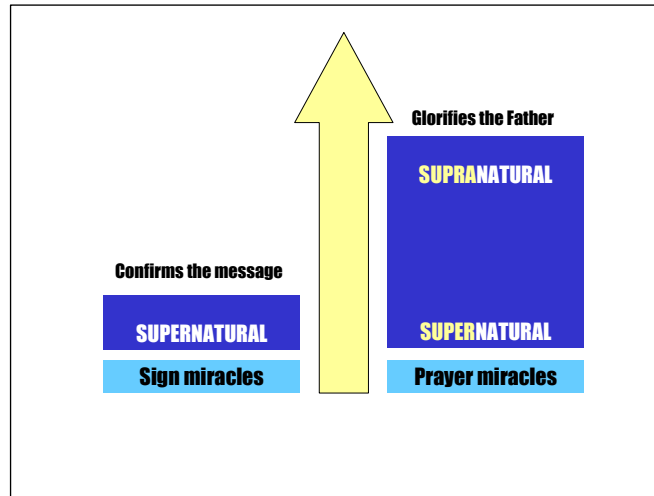
“And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

This is the key to doing the greater works!

Though sign miracles ceased, prayer miracles still go on!

What is a “prayer miracle”?

Supernatural or supranatural events done by God as a direct result of believing prayer in order to bring glory to God, the Father.



Example: Acts 12:5, 11-16.

How do prayer miracles work?

Jesus promised an exciting opportunity in prayer.

- “Whatever” suggests the **MEASURE**. **No limit!**
Jesus places no limit on the requests we might ask. He can do that because --
 * **the resources of God go beyond wildest imaginations: Eph. 3:20**

IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN

Lord,
 I crawled across
 the barrenness
 To You
 with my empty cup
 Uncertain in asking
 any small drop
 Of refreshment.

If only
 I had known You
 better,
 I'd have come
 Running
 With a bucket.

Nancy Spiegelberg 1974

- “In My name” provides the **MEANS**.
 - 1] We are the personal representative of Jesus before the Father.
We pray with Jesus’ reputation in mind. No request should bring disgrace to the name of Christ.
 - 2] Jesus Christ is our personal reference before the Father.
On the basis of our relationship, we can put his signature on every petition.

APPLY: Let’s be sure our **BIG** request is appropriate to Jesus’ name & reputation.

- “I will do it” promises the **MIGHT**
What a promise! Do we believe God’s promise??.
- “that the Father may be glorified” supplies the **MOTIVE**
Who gets the glory???
Not because I want it.... It’s a good idea..... help people.... I think it would be best
James 4:3
NAU **James 4:3** You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.

APPLY: Remind yourself that you are willing to take a back seat & for God to get all the glory.

LET’S APPLY GOD’S WORD!

Ask BIG requests

Appropriate to Jesus’ name (and will)

Expressing faith in His power & ability

So that God gets all the glory.

What are some BIG requests that we can be confident are His will?

Prayers of scripture to change the inner man

Victory over the power of sin

Salvation of souls

Next Session: “The Comforter’s Presence” John 14:15-24

