

## **NEW METHOD TO PRAYER**

We are currently studying the seven "Truly, Truly" messianic doctrines given by Jesus at the Last Supper (Jn.13:16, 20, 21, 38; 14:12; 16:20, 23). In the 7<sup>th</sup> and final "Truly, Truly" messianic doctrine, Jesus introduced a New Method To Prayer.

(John 16:23-24) "In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything **in MY name**, He will give it to you. **Until now** you have asked for **nothing in My name**; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full."

**This lesson will study five aspects of the New Method To Prayer.**

1. In (Jn.16:23), Jesus introduced the TIMING for the beginning new method to prayer.

(Jn.16:23) "**And** [continuative conjunctive] **in that day** (prepositional phrase) [en +locative of time] (ekeinos) [demonstrative pronoun] (te hemera)."

This prepositional phrase connects the New Method To Prayer to the "**Little While**" of (Jn.16:16-22) and the 6<sup>th</sup> "Truly, Truly" messianic doctrine. (Jn.16:20)

You will remember from our last lesson this was a reference (frame of reference) to the death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ - "Because I go to the Father." (Jn.16:17)

2. (Jn.16:17) points back to (Jn.16:7) and connects the "New Method" to Prayer to the "Advantage" to the New Covenant - Church Age Dispensation.

(Jn.16:7) "But I tell you the truth, it is to your **advantage** (sumphero) (p.a.ind.3ps) [expedient, beneficial] that I go away; for if (3cc) [volitional] I do not go away, the Helper (Ho Parakletos) will not come to you; but if I (3cc) [volitional] go, I will send Him to you."

The advantage to the Believer is the Parakletos New Covenant ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Church Age (Heb.8:1-13; 9:15; 2 Cor.3:6).

**One advantage to the ministry of The Holy Spirit involves the Church Age Believer's prayer life.**

(Rom.8:26) "And in the same way **the Spirit** also helps our weakness; **for we do not know how to pray as we should**, but **the Spirit Himself intercedes for us** with groaning too deep for words."

3. The great doctrinal point Jesus was teaching regarding a New Method To Prayer is given in the prepositional phrase, (in) [en+instrumental of association] [with] My name.

It is used two times in the 7<sup>th</sup> "Truly, Truly" messianic doctrine (Jn.16:23-24).

This is the key to an effective prayer life for the Church Age believer.

(James 5:16b) "The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much."

**4. Jesus made two important doctrinal points regarding the Church Age Believer's New Method To Prayer (Jn.16:23-24).**

- **Prayer covenant change** (Jn.16:23) - **“in that day”** – “you shall ask the Father for anything, He will give it to you in My name.” read (Jn.16:26)
  - The Old Covenant /Jewish Age Method to Prayer is given in (Matt.6:9-13) – What is missing? “In My name,”
  - The New Covenant / Church Age Method to Prayer is given in (Jn.14:12-17) and (Jn.16:23-24, and 26). It is part of the greater works of New Covenant / Church Age (Jn.14:12).
- **Prayer model change** (Jn.16:24) – **“until now”** – “you have asked nothing in My name.”

**Three promises are attached to the New Method To Prayer.**

- Believer asking (in MY name) and God giving (Jn.16:23)
- Believer asking (in MY name) and believer receiving (Jn.16:24)
- Believer receives God's joy fulfilled in answered prayer (Jn.16:24b)

Note the rare perfect periphrastic - (**may be**) (eimi/ p.a.subj) and (**fulfilled**) (pleroo) (perf.p.ptc nsf)

This is the promise of God's joy amidst a time of grief (Jn.:20-22; 1 Thess.5:16-18).

**5. Two changes are important in the New Method To Prayer for the New Covenant / Church Age believer.**

**No Changes**

- Personal sins must be **confessed before** prayer (Ps.66:18; 1 Jn.1:9; 1 Pet.3:7)
- Prayer is addressed to **“the Father with thanksgiving”** (Matt.6:9-13; Eph.5:20; Phil.4:6)
- Prayer is given **“according to the will of God.”** (Matt.26:39, 42; 1 Jn.5:14-15; Eph.6:6)

**Two Changes**

- Prayer is address **“in the name of Jesus Christ”** (Jn. 14:13-14; 16:23-24, 26)
- Prayer is prayed **“in power of indwelling Holy Spirit.”** (Rom.8:26-27; Eph.6:18)