



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

John 16: 23-28

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Amen, amen, I say to you,

whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you.

Until now you have not asked anything in my name;

ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

"I have told you this in figures of speech.

The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures
but I will tell you clearly about the Father.

On that day you will ask in my name,

and I do not tell you that I will ask the Father for you.

For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me
and have come to believe that I came from God.

I came from the Father and have come into the world.

Now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

Our Scripture Reflection

What does Jesus mean by, "Whatever you ask the Father in my name He will give you"?

1. He is describing the necessity of a relationship with Himself that is so deep, so intimate, and that is the result of time spent getting to know Him so much

so that the petitioners mind is closely united with the mind of Christ. In other words, I know what Jesus wants for me as far as humanly possibly.

2. I am willing to accept His desires for me unconditionally and with complete trust.

3. Since Jesus and His Father are one, if I know Jesus then I know His Father.

What does it take to make such a relationship possible? Time, trust, love, surrender.

Food for your Journey

Oswald Chambers, in the classic devotional, *My Utmost for His Highest*, cautioned Christians against thinking of uncertainty in this life as a bad thing. "The nature of the spiritual life," said Chambers "is that we are certain in our uncertainty. ..."

"The spiritual life is the life of a child. We are not uncertain of God, just uncertain of what he is going to do next. If our certainty is only in our beliefs, we develop a sense of self-right-eousness, become overly critical, and are limited by the view that our beliefs are complete and settled."

"But when we have the right relationship with God," Chambers explained, "life is full of spontaneous, joyful uncertainty and expectancy. Jesus said, '...believe also in me' (John 14:1), not, 'Believe certain things about me.' Leave everything to him and it will be gloriously and graciously uncertain how he will come in — but you can be certain that he will come."

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, I ask this day for the Grace to surrender my life completely to You as did Your Son Jesus. May I always want nothing more than Your love for me. Amen