

## **John 14:12-30: Promises.**

- I. (12-14) God's work will continue with His provision and Help.
  - i. They will do greater works

Christians often presumptuously claim these promises thinking they can do great things on their own; God was going to continue working through them to reach more people and to cover the whole world.

**John 15:5** - *"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.*

- ii. He will give them whatever they ask for.

These men weren't going to ask for anything for self-gratification; they were going to ask for everything for the extension of God's Kingdom; courage amidst persecution, effectiveness through every trial and everything they needed to carry on God's work.

If we ask anything in His name; for His glory, He will grant.

**James 4:3** - *You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.*

***When we pray, remember:***

- 1. The love of God that wants the best for us.***
- 2. The wisdom of God that knows what is best for us.***
- 3. The power of God that can accomplish it.***

***If the request is wrong, God says, "No."***

***If the timing is wrong, God says, "Wait."***

***But if the request is right, the timing is right and you are right, God says, "YES!"***

- II. (15-18; 25-26) The promise of the Holy Spirit

God the Son prays to God the Father that He might send God the Holy Spirit to us.

- The Holy Spirit was going to lead and guide them in everything.
- The Holy Spirit was going to teaches them His Word and Will
- The Holy Spirit was going to remind them every lesson they would forget.

In Acts 2, the Holy Spirit descended on them, empowering them for God's work.

**Acts 2:1-4** - *When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

III. (19-24) Jesus promises to love those who love Him.

If we love Jesus, it will be shown in a genuine love for His word - and not a love that just admires His word, but obeys it - *keeps* His word.

**1 John 4:19** - *We love Him because He first loved us.*

IV. 3. (27-31) Peace.

We have the promise of *peace* for every weather or storm; He doesn't promise a life without troubles, He promises peace through every trouble.

**Isaiah 48:22** - *"There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked."*

**Colossians 3:15** - *And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.*

***[When] I rest beneath the Almighty's shade, my griefs expire, my troubles cease; You, Lord, on whom my soul is stayed, will keep me still in perfect peace.***

**Isaiah 26:3** - *You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.*

**2 Corinthians 1:20** - *For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.*