

## GOD ANSWERS PRAYER *JOHN 16:23,24*

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***John 16:23.* Jesus said, “In that day, (after I have risen from the dead), you will ask Me nothing. Truly, truly, I say unto you, whatsoever you ask the Father in My name, He will give it to you.”**

Jesus had said to them in verses 16 to 22, “A little while and you will not see Me, and a little while and you will see Me.” (You will not see Me for about three days. I will be arrested, crucified, and buried. But after three days you will see Me again, because I will rise from the dead and appear to you, and you shall rejoice exceedingly.)

Jesus was speaking to them at the “Last Supper”, on Thursday evening, just before they went out to the place where Jesus prayed, and was betrayed and arrested. *Matthew 26:30-46, John 18:1-11.*

During His three and a half years of ministry Jesus taught the truth of God’s Word and showed the people how to receive God’s mercy and forgiveness through repentance and faith. He healed the sick, cast out demons, raised the dead, cleansed the lepers, and opened blind eyes. The crippled walked, the dumb spoke and the deaf heard, as Jesus ministered to them. Jesus fed the hungry, stilled the storm and spoke words of love, comfort and faith.

**God the Father, sent God the Son, to be the Saviour of the world. *John 3:16, Matt 1:21, John 12:47, John 20:21, Titus 2:13.***

Jesus suffered a great deal in His three and a half years of ministry. The religious leaders tried to kill Him. *Luke 4:29, John 5:16,18, 7:1, 8:59, 10:31.* They slandered Him saying He was a servant of satan. *Matthew 9:34, 12:24.*

Finally He was arrested, falsely accused, (*John 19:7, John 10:33.*), tried, mocked, beaten with a scourge of thongs studded with metal that tore the flesh from His back, (*John 19:1-3*), and crucified on the Cross. (*John 19:17-37*).

**During His life, in His suffering, beating, crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and enthroning at the Father’s right hand, Jesus was achieving and providing full redemption, for all who come to believe in Him, from all the evil effects of the “Fall of Man” into sin. (*Genesis 2:17, 3:1-24*).**

Because He suffered greatly, as He did the will of His Father, He is able to give us all the help we need as we serve Him. He knows what we are going through and He feels our pain. *Hebrews 4:15,16, 2:14-18.* Our Great High Priest. *Hebrews 4:14.*

He bore our sins on the Cross so that we can be forgiven. *1 Peter 2:24, 3:18, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.*

He took our sinfulness so that we might have His righteousness. *2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 5:9, 5:1, 5:10, 1 Corin 1:30.*

He broke the power of the old nature of sin and set us free to obey God’s Word and please Him. *Romans 6:6,11,14.*

He bore all our infirmities, sicknesses and diseases, and by His stripes we have been healed. *Matthew 8:16,17, 1 Peter 2:24.*

He abolished death, and commands us to raise the dead. *2 Timothy 1:10, Luke 7:22, Matthew 10:1,7,8, Revelation 1:18.*

He destroyed the devil, (rendered him powerless), and all his works. *Hebrews 2:14, 1 John 3:8, Colossians 2:15, Luke 10:19.*

He commands us to cast out demons and set people free. *Matthew 10:1,7,8, Luke 9:1,2.*

He overcame the world system that tries to control us and keep us from coming to God. *John 16:33, 1 John 5:4,5.*

He took the curse of the law, of poverty, destruction, sickness and slavery, and gave us the blessing of Abraham, which is the promise of the Holy Spirit by faith. (We are blessed in all things, as Abraham.) *Deuteronomy 28:15-68, Galatians 3:13,14.*

**So when we pray and ask the Father for His provision, we have our Great High Priest, our Advocate, our Mediator, at the Father’s right hand speaking on our behalf. He is interceding for us right there. *Hebrews 4:14, 1 John 2:1, Hebrews 9:15, Hebrews 7:25.***

**So He says, “Whatsoever you ask the Father in My Name He will give it to you.” *John 16:23.***

\*All things, whatsoever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive. *Matthew 21:22.*

\*Whatsoever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive it and you will have it. *Mark 11:24.*

\*Whatsoever we ask we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments and please Him. *1 John 3:22,23.* (This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another. Which we do, forgiving and blessing and serving each other.)

\*If we ask anything in His will He hears us, and if we know that He hears us, we know that we have the petition that we desired of Him. *1 John 5:14,15.* (Whenever we ask for a need to be met, we are asking in His will. “My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” *Philippians 4:19, Romans 8:32.*)

\*Ask, (and keep on asking), and you will receive; for every one who asks like this receives. *Matthew 7:7,8, Luke 11:9,10.*

\*If you being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Heavenly Father give good things, and the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him. *Matthew 7:11, Luke 11:13.*

MANY OTHERS: \**Romans 8:32, \*Philippians 4:19, \*John 6:35, \*Matthew 17:20+Mark 11:23+Luke 17:6, \*John 14:13,14, \*John 15:7, \*John 15:16, \*Hebrews 11:6, \*James 1:5-8, \*Matthew 18:19,20, \*Matthew 6:26, \*Romans 10:13.*