
Reassuring Promises

John 14:7-14

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Introduction:

Jesus refers to “the Father” or “My Father” 23 times in John 14, the most of any chapter in John’s Gospel.

Structure:

Jesus’ words in John 13:33 prompt Peter to ask a question in 13:36 and leads to a dialogue with Jesus in vv. 36-38 and Jesus reassurance in 14:1-3.

Jesus’ words in 14:4 prompt Thomas to make a statement and ask a question in v. 5, which Jesus answers in v. 6.

Jesus’ words in 14:7 prompt Philip to make a request and leads to Jesus’s response and teaching about His unique relationship to the Father in vv. 8-20.

Jesus’ words in v. 21 leads to a question by Judas (not Iscariot) and leads to Jesus’s further teaching which goes to John 16:16.

The main point of this section of Scripture is found in John 14:1 and developed throughout the rest of the chapter. Even though Jesus will not be physically present with His followers they should still be confident and trust in Him because of who He is and what He has promised.

John 14:1-6

¹Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.

⁶Jesus said too [Thomas], “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

Believers should be confident and trust in Jesus because of who He is.

Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Him.

⁷“If you had known Me,

you would have known My Father also;

from now on you know Him, and have seen Him.”

John 1:1-4, 14, 18

John 12:44-45

Philip’s Request

⁸Philip said to Him,

“Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”

Moses (Exodus 33:18)

Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1-7)

Jesus’ Responded by asking 3 Questions

⁹Jesus said to him,

#1) “Have I been so long with you,

and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip?

He who has seen Me has seen the Father; (1:18)

#2) how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?

#3) ¹⁰“Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me?

The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, (see 5:30)

but the Father abiding in Me does His works.

¹¹“**Believe Me** that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me;

otherwise **believe** because of the works themselves.

John 20:30-31

Believers should be confident and trust in Jesus because of the promises He made.

Greater Works

¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you,

he who believes in Me,

the works that I do, he will do also;

and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.

John 1:50 “Jesus answered [Nathaniel], Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”

John 5:19-24

(vv. 20-21) “For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel.

He [Jesus] gives life to whom He wishes (21),
He [the Father] has given all judgment to the Son (22),

John 6:28-29

Therefore they said to Him, What must we do so that we may work the works of God? Jesus answered and said to them, This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”

The greater works are greater because they occur after Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ascension. It is still the Lord that is doing the works through His followers ("...because I go to the Father.").

How is this accomplished? Asking in Jesus' Name.

¹³"Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do,

so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

¹⁴"If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

Asking in Jesus' Name is not a magical formula to assure that you get what you ask for. To ask in Jesus' Name means that our requests are in accordance to what He has revealed and for the God's glory.

1 John 5:14-15

¹⁴This is the confidence which we have before Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

Participate in the greater works Jesus promised by praying and proclaiming the gospel.