

**Q. 3 - <sup>8</sup>Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.**

<sup>9</sup>JESUS SAITH UNTO HIM, HAVE I BEEN SO LONG TIME WITH YOU, AND YET HAST THOU NOT KNOWN ME, PHILIP? HE THAT HATH SEEN ME HATH SEEN THE FATHER; AND HOW SAYEST THOU *THEN*, SHOW US THE FATHER?

<sup>10</sup>BELIEVEST THOU NOT THAT I AM IN THE FATHER, AND THE FATHER IN ME? THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK UNTO YOU I SPEAK NOT OF MYSELF: BUT THE FATHER THAT DWELLETH IN ME, HE DOETH THE WORKS.

<sup>11</sup>BELIEVE ME THAT I AM IN THE FATHER, AND THE FATHER IN ME: OR ELSE BELIEVE ME FOR THE VERY WORKS' SAKE.

**What does it mean to “know the Father”?**

The word *know* is used 141 times in John's Gospel, but it does not always carry the same meaning. There are four different “levels” of knowing according to John.

1. **Know = comprehend** - The lowest level is simply knowing (comprehending) a fact.
2. **Know = understand** - The next level is to understand the truth behind that fact. However, you can know the fact and know the truth behind it and still be lost in your sins.

**JAMES 2:19 (NLT)** <sup>19</sup>YOU SAY YOU HAVE FAITH, FOR YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ONE GOD. GOOD FOR YOU! EVEN THE DEMONS BELIEVE THIS, AND THEY TREMBLE IN TERROR.

3. **Know = Intimacy** - The third level introduces relationship; “to know” means “to believe in a person and become related to him or her.” This is the way “know” is used in John 17:3. In fact, in Scripture, “to know” is used of the most intimate relationship between man and wife (Gen. 4:1).

**GEN. 4:1 (KJV)** <sup>1</sup>AND ADAM KNEW EVE HIS WIFE; AND SHE CONCEIVED, AND BARE CAIN... **GENESIS 4:1 (NLT)** <sup>1</sup>NOW ADAM HAD SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH HIS WIFE, EVE, AND SHE BECAME PREGNANT...

4. **Know = deep relationship/commitment** - The fourth use of “know” means “to have a deeper relationship with a person, a deeper communion.” It was this level Paul was referring to when he wrote, “That I may know Him” (Phil. 3:10). Jesus will describe this deeper relationship in John 14:19-23, so we will save any further comment until we deal with that section.

**John 17:3 (NLT)** <sup>3</sup>And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.

**John 14:12 - 14 (NASB)**

<sup>12</sup>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.

<sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

<sup>14</sup>If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

v. 12 - The “greater works [things]” would apply initially to the Apostles who were given the power to perform special miracles as the credentials of their office (Rom. 15:18-19; Heb. 2:3-4).

- These miracles were not greater in *quality*, for “the servant is not greater than his lord” (John 13:16), but rather in scope and quantity.

- Peter preached one sermon and 3,000 sinners were converted in one day! The fact that ordinary people performed these signs made them even more wonderful and brought great glory to God (Acts 5:13-16).
  - Of course, it is not the believer *himself* who does these “greater things”; it is God working in and through the believer: “The Lord working with them” (Mark 16:20). “For it is God who worketh in you” (Phil. 2:13).
- Both love and obedience are part of effective prayer. “If I regard [see and approve] iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me” (Ps. 66:18).

We do not obey the Lord simply because we want our prayers answered, somewhat like the attitude of a child just before Christmas. We obey Him because we love Him; and the more we obey Him, the more we experience His love.

- To “keep” His commandments means to value them, treasure them, guard them, and do them. “I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food” (Job 23:12).
- Believing prayer is wonderful medicine to soothe a troubled heart. Meditate on Philippians 4:6-7—and then put it into practice!

#### **We must pray in Christ’s name (vv. 13-14).**

- This is not a “magic formula” that we automatically attach to our prayer requests, guaranteeing that God will answer. To ask anything of the Father, in the name of Jesus, means that we ask what Jesus would ask, what would please Him, and what would bring Him glory by furthering His work.

The “whatsoever” in John 14:13 is qualified by all that God has revealed in His Word about prayer;

1. Likewise, the “anything” in John 14:14. God is not giving us *carte blanche*; “in My name” is the controlling element.
2. To know God’s name means to know His nature, what He is, and what He wants to do. God answers prayer in order to honor His name; therefore, prayer must be in His will (1 John 5:14-15).
3. The first request in “The Lord’s Prayer” is, “Hallowed be Thy name” (Matt. 6:9).
4. Any request that does not glorify God’s name should not be asked in His name.

**Q. 4 - “Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?”  
John 14:22 - 31 (NASB)**

#### ***Monday Morning Moment***

*“Faith and works must always go together, for it is faith that releases the power of God in our lives.”*

#### **JAMES 2:18 (NLT)**

<sup>18</sup>NOW SOMEONE MAY ARGUE, “SOME PEOPLE HAVE FAITH; OTHERS HAVE GOOD DEEDS.” BUT I SAY, “HOW CAN YOU SHOW ME YOUR FAITH IF YOU DON’T HAVE GOOD DEEDS? I WILL SHOW YOU MY FAITH BY MY GOOD DEEDS.”