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Bible Portion for Meditation

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Introduction

This is an important teaching of Jesus, about the Comforter. Before proceeding further I would like to mention why it is important to study in detail what Jesus taught.

Importance of learning the teachings of Jesus Christ

Matt 22: 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

There are two things to note here. We sometimes err because of these

1. Not knowing the Scriptures
2. Not knowing the Power of God

Hence it is very important to learn the Scriptures.

The last commandment of Jesus

Observe the last commandment of Jesus given in Matthew 28:18-20

8 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Here we see the phrase **teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you**. This is what is expected of a *disciple* of Jesus, i.e. to teach others what Jesus has taught us. Are we doing this?

Now let's come to the Bible portion

Context

This is one of the important promise given by Jesus, that is, to send the Comforter to the disciples once He leaves this world. This conversation happened after the Last Supper. Only His eleven disciples were present. Judas has already left to meet the Jews for the planned betrayal.

There are three important things to discuss in this verse

1. Who is the Comforter?
2. The mission of the Comforter
3. The prayer of Jesus for the Comforter

1. Who is the Comforter?

The Greek word used here is **Parakletus**, which means, “*one called to the side of another for help or counsel*”. This word is translated into various other words such as **Comforter, Counsellor, Helper, Advocate, Standby, Intercessor and Strengtheners**. In verse 26 of the same chapter it is mentioned that the Comforter was the Holy Spirit (also known as the Holy Ghost).

John 14: 26 But the **Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost**, whom the Father will send in my name...

Note:- Muslims teach that, Jesus was speaking about Prophet Mohammed in this portion. But it is WRONG! Comforter is not Mohammed, but the Holy Spirit. If you note the verse 16, you can see that this Comforter will live with the disciples forever. But Mohammed already passed away and cannot live with us forever.

2. The mission of the Comforter

In simple terms, mission of the Comforter was to replace the physical role of Jesus for His disciples. For 3.5 years, Jesus were with His disciples. And they trusted in Jesus for everything. Now when Jesus was about to go back to heaven, he promised **another Comforter** for His disciples, who was the Holy Spirit. The present Comforter for the disciples, at that time was Jesus. Jesus – Comforter #1

Holy Spirit – Comforter #2

The mission of the Comforter is mentioned in verse 16 – **that he may abide with you forever**. That means, the Holy Spirit will live with the disciples and continue the role of Jesus in their lives forever. Comforter would take up the place of Jesus. This doesn't mean that Jesus is not with us. Jesus is always with us (Matt 28:20). But physically Jesus is right now seated at the right hand of the Father.

Disciples trusted in Comforter #1 (Jesus Christ) for everything

- **When they were in trouble**

Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" Matt 8:25

- **When they wanted to learn new things**

that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." Luke 11:1

- **When they were having doubts about failure**

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Matt 17:19

- **When they were hungry**

When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." Matt 14:15

- **When they wanted to see the Father**

Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." John 14: 8

- **When Peter needed money for tax**

Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you." Matt 17:27

- **When Peter's mother-in-law was sick**

Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. 15 So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them Matt 8:14,15

- **When they were having doubts**

And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" John 9:1

- **When they wanted to know the way to heaven**

Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" John 14: 5

Do we trust in Comforter #2 (Holy Spirit) for everything?

3. The prayer of Jesus for the Comforter

Jesus promised to pray to the Father for giving us the Comforter. And it is because of His prayer that we get the Holy Spirit when we ask. And He did it in Acts 2.

What is the difference between Pray and Ask?

In simple terms we can state this way. Prayer can have any of these three answers – Yes, No or Wait. But when you ask, you will receive for sure, as per the promise of Jesus, **Ask and you shall receive** Matt 7:7.

You ask something which belongs to you. Holy Spirit is the inheritance and the gift of God which God has promised for every believer.

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" Luke 11:13

Conclusion

The more we ask God for Holy Spirit, the more He fills us.

Few questions to ponder

1. Do we trust in the Holy Spirit, the Comforter was everything?
2. Are you sure you are led by the Holy Spirit?
3. How much do you trust in this Comforter?
4. Whom did the disciples trust after Jesus left (in physical form)?
5. How does the Comforter help in our daily lives?
6. Can we ask Holy Spirit for anything and everything?
7. How did the disciples spread the gospel?
8. What was the role of the Comforter in spreading the gospel?
9. Do we really experience the presence of Holy Spirit in our daily walk with Jesus?