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 But in all three cases there is a condition that is inseparably linked to the promise:

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 *“Whatever you ask in My name I will do it*.” (John 14:13-14).

1. To pray in Jesus name is to pray by His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. To pray in Jesus name is to pray consistent with His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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**PRAYING IN FAITH, BELIEVING ...**

 “*Whatever you ask in prayer believing!*” (Matt 21:20-22).

1. The object of our faith is critical. Eph 3:20

 … Don't trust your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, trust your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

2. God's omnipotence does have some limitations

 ... both \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ limitations and \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ limitations

3. We should not hesitate to ask God for things beyond our ability.

 … We are to *“ask in faith, with no doubting”* (Jas 1:6).

**PRAYING ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL ...**

 *Whatever we ask according to His will…*(1 John 5:14-15).

1. Sometimes we make requests of God that are outside of His will.

2. God's will is made quite clear in the Scriptures.

3. Jesus made it clear that His desire was to do the will of God.

4. Bowing to God's will is a great act of faith.

5. It should be our desire that the will of God be done.

**IMPLICATIONS:**

1. If I am going to pray according to God's character, I must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. If I am going to pray according to God's ability, I must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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