Commentary on the Gospel for Sat, May 19th 2012

In the world of the Scriptures, a person's name was not just the tag it is for us. It was seen as the presence of the person. That is why it was considered so wicked to take the Lord's name in vain. "Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you" (v. 23.) In other words, in my presence! You cannot ask for evil things in Christ's presence; your words would die away. The prayer would wither in your lips. But anything you ask in his presence, In keeping with his Spirit, will be granted. As we know very well, it may not be given in the way we ordered it. But somehow, whether obviously or hidden, it will be given.

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