

Read John 14 1-14.

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*1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.* What was the reason their hearts were troubled? The disciples were Shaken in mind as well. The reason is what had taken place in the previous chapter. The Lord had predicted His betrayal. The Lord had identified that Peter would deny Him. He told the disciples yet a little while I am with you, where I'm going you can not come. How troubled they were!

It interesting in we see in **John 13:36** Simon Peter said to Him, Lord, where do You go? Jesus answered him, Where I go you cannot now follow Me, but you shall follow Me afterward.

**The Lord had told them that they shall follow Him afterwards.** Yet all they could think of was that He was leaving. What if they focused on that the Lord said they shall follow Him afterwards. How many times do we have Gods word clearly speak to us, yet we keep thinking on the trial or difficulty or affliction. The Scriptures clearly say Fear not. Fear not I will be with you, Fear not I have redeemed you, fear not I have chosen you. **Isaiah 41:10** Do not fear; for I am with you; be not dismayed; for I am your God. I will make you strong; yes, I will help you; yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness.

Fear not – only believe. Believe in God believe also in me.

**Help me Lord to believe and be strengthened in your truth.** The infallible, unchangeable word of God. Your word which is true and not a lie, Lord where shall we go for only you have the Eternal word of Life. Gods Word is settled forever in heaven and changes not. When our trust is in what the Lord's word says we too become settled, we are filled with Courage, we are filled with PEACE. Believe in Jesus, think of all He did at Calvary for us, Believe in the Father who sat with the trinity planning our salvation, sending His only Begotten Son. When These words Become reality to me, when I feed on these words, when I ponder these words over in my mind my troubled heart is stilled, thankfulness arises and I begin to thank God for all He so graciously did for me. I thank Him for drawing me unto the Father, I thank Him for making me a child of God. NOW instead of Worrying I'm praising.

Another reason they were so shaken is because they thought the Lord was to set up His earthly kingdom and rule as king. **They had their thoughts on this earth and the present situation.** Thinking and hoping this was going to solve the problem of Roman oppression. They thought this was the solution, now they began to lose all hope of a secular Kingdom. In the Lord's encouragement to them He promises them a Spiritual Kingdom, and everlasting Kingdom, A heavenly inheritance.

He is encouraging them to look, and value not what is seen, but that which is unseen and of true value. You see it's possible to be concerned about all this worlds things, goods and power and status and position, while forgetting what is of true value. Here we see the Lord is gently directing them toward that which is Eternal and of true value.

Well, there are some that may say or think that they are not troubled and worried, that this teaching is not for them. But we should realise that some trouble and concern is healthy. We should be troubled and concerned about the moral decline in our city, people no longer caring about God. We Should be concerned at the state of compromise and worldliness in the church. Concerned that the Gospel must be preached. There are some believers that have grown cold, they no longer pray, they seldom read the Word of God, they easily miss Sunday service. They are not even concerned. But as we begin once again to focus upon God, Praying and read His word, we realise they have slipped far below what the Lord has promised. Let your heart not be troubled and focused upon all these temporal things. As we continue, we will see this excellent encouragement.

The master gives to His disciples. Even when they were so undeserving.

**Even although they all deserted Him Mark 14:50** *And they all forsook him and fled.*

Earlier in this chapter The Lord says *all of you will be offended because of me this night, I will smite the Shepherd and the sheep shall be scattered.*

He did not discard them because they were scattered and forsook Him, nor did He cast them aside. He assured them that He would meet them again in Galilee. He is faithful to keep them.

We see The Lords care for the diciples and for us in His prayer **John 17** that wonderful prayer that the lord Prays for the Disciples *that they may be with Him and behold His Glory.* **He speaks encouragement to them.** He is telling them to trust in Him and trust in God and they will be able to face the crisis they are in.

When our thoughts are lifted up to the Lord, one of the things we notice is that thing that I was so worried about is not really significant, it's hardly worth worrying about in the light of His Eternal plan.

*2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.* **The Eternal Home – the future carefully prepared for us.**

They are exhorted to Look up and beyond their circumstances. To realise there is a place that He is preparing for them in Eternity. The Lord Jesus came from heaven to earth with a heavenly objective. He didn't come to set up His kingdom here on earth. He came to

save multitudes of Sinners and provide an eternal home for them. The great objective of His coming is Life with Him in Eternity

**I can't think about that** – I've got real problems now. The Lord says think of your Eternal home.... Then You won't be crushed, courage will arise, you will see that which really matters cannot be shaken. He has His mind upon us, He has opened and What God opens no man can close.

**I go to prepare a place for you-** It's easy to think He has gone to make ready heaven, but the truth is in His great Glory and Majesty he could get everything ready in a moment by speaking one single word!

The General thought is that He is referring to Calvary... That's how he did it, that's how He makes it all ready, that's what He had to do, He had to die on the cross in our place and take our sins away. That's how he broke the bands of death, that's how He opened up a new and a living way for us to enter.

**what is meant by mansions.** While it will be grander than we could ever imagine, it's not our dwelling we are looking forward to, It's the Lord Himself in all His Glory that will be the one centre attraction of heaven. By mansions here it is referring to room for many, there **are homes** for many, there is wealth for many, It means a place to stay.. Room enough for all the Elect. It means a family dwelling place. This is a vivid way of saying there is ample room in my father's house. **If it were not so-** Our lord never uttered one untrue word- yes, it's true heaven is a real place He said He was going there. **A writer of old says. I would have told you] And not have fed you with false hopes** of a Ultimate happiness, as the devil deals with his, whom he brings into a fool's paradise; as Mahomed promises a paradise delicious fare, pleasant gardens, and other sensual delights eternally to be enjoyed. \* once in Southern Sudan soldiers from the north came with leather pouches with a little key on a leather string around their neck... they were told never mind if you die in battle you have the key.... After a very fierce battle there were many dead but the thing is the key was still in the pouch.. Christ is no such impostor. **The Lord was saying I'm going home to my father's house.** But not only my father's house your house as well. **The vastness of heaven** – some think the road is narrow and the gate small, so how can there be many people there? But consider it is also true that **the number of Abraham's children is like the sand on the seashore and the stars in the sky.** That the book of Revelations says **"a great multitude that no one could number"**. Abodes for all, not one will have no place.

*3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.* The Lord reminds the disciples I'm not leaving you, I will come again and you will dwell with me and my father forever. **Christ**

prepares the place in heaven for His own, and the Holy Spirit prepares the redeemed on earth for their place in heaven. It is certain I will come again. Not really referring to Pentecost, Or when a believer dies but to that final day. On that last Great day. **1 Thes 4:16** *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with <sup>b</sup>the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:* He Himself, not an angel or anything else But He will come He will descend from heaven into this our air.

**Think about that Glorious day**, Focus on that. The dead in Christ will be raised those alive will be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so, shall we ever be with the Lord.

Are you looking forward to meeting the Lord in the clouds to congratulate Him on His return, to receive a crown of glory. Here is the main thing about heaven we behold His glory and we shall be with Him forever and ever. And nothing can pull us apart.

*4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.* The Lord is speaking to His own. His own that have been quickened. And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins. Sadly, there are many who go to church thinking they know the way, but they have never been quickened they still live in trespasses and sins.

*5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?* Thomas says He doesn't know, just like many believers underestimate the power of His saving Grace, they think because they don't know everything they know nothing. Really, He should have known where the Lord was going because He said so. **In v2** He said he was going to His Father's House to prepare a place for the Disciples. Thought ... often anxiety of heart causes us not to hear what the Lord says to us in His Word. The Lord doesn't rebuke Thomas. He clearly tells Him the way. His Word shows us the right way, the best way. It's all abundantly given.

*6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.* **By Trust in Christ there is peace.** The disciples are overwhelmed with the thoughts of separation. Thomas when he said we don't know the way implies how can you then know the way.

But Jesus gently and kindly says I am the way. They would not understand till later and today man cannot understand until they are made new creations in Christ. He himself is the way, the door, the Ladder, the road. That He opened by His blood shed upon the cross. **The Truth**, let us build with confidence upon these truths and Eternal promises. The truth is perfect revelation of the Father. **The Life** is not just breath to exist. No, **it's life with the Father** Blessed fellowship and communion with Him. We must hold fast to

this truth He alone is the way – as we are in this fallen world, keeping Christ before us, holding fast to Him and his ways imparts LIFE even now. Strength to run the race set before us. He gives a new life to us we have communion with Him and know Him and love Him.

**The Lord didn't say I am going to show you the way.** No He said I am the way I am the road that passes over this great gulf fixed between this world and the next. This great gulf that no man can pass. But I am the road the bridge over to the other side. no man can come to the father except on the road.

*7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.*

*8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.*

*9 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, Shew us the Father?* Jesus **Col 1: 15** Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: **The Old testament people couldn't see,** But us in the new have had make it very clear.

The writers of old say it like this the sea about the altar was brazen, 1Ki 7:23, and what eyes could pierce through it? Now, our sea about the throne is glassy, Rev 4:6, like the crystal, clearly conveying the light and sight of God in Christ to our eyes. He has showed us clearly Light has dawned upon the darkness. **Matthew 4:16** The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

*10 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.*

*11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.*

*12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, **the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*** The Lord has mentioned His miracles great healings as proof of His deity. But he is saying this to the Apostles, not to every private believer that will follow in generations to come. But to the Apostles to authenticate them before the Jews in the foundational stages of the church. They had power to perform healing miracles, but we must understand that individuals

today don't have this specific power to heal the sick. **Rather healing today is by answer to prayer and God still heals in answer to prayer.** Individual Power like the Apostles had to heal has passed away.

Now we look at the next verse Whatsoever you shall ask in my name. everything including Healing comes by asking in prayer.

There is a very strong thinking in part of today's church world that if people are to get saved, we need signs and wonders, great healing miracles. The thinking is that if a miracle authenticates the preacher people will believe. We need to see what scripture teaches - **But now the great authenticator has come**, the HOLY SPIRIT. **John 16:8** And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

So when we preach the truth and the Holy Spirit Himself the third person of the TRINITY reproves and convinces. God Himself working with us as we preach the Truth. The Holy Ghost is called "the Spirit of truth." It is His special office to apply truth to the hearts of people. The inward feelings of conviction, repentance, faith, hope, fear, and love, are produced by Him.

*13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.* How gracious He is to answer, there are some who think oh I can ask for whatsoever, but the key to keep in mind is what I'm asking to glorify the father in heaven.

*14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.* We are authorized to use the name of Christ — think of it as it were, to write his signature to your cheques — oh! what power there is in prayer at that time! "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." **But you cannot ask everything in that name.** You are required to draw back from some prayers, and say, "No; Christ would never authorize me to put his name to that." There are things we would never dare to ask for in His Holy name. This abundant promise is given in the context of the disciples carrying out the Lord's work. This wide promise is given with souls and mission in mind. While it is also **We ask according to His will. 1 John 5:14** *And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:* All Children of God ask because our God is a God who is known as a God who answers prayer. **Psalms 65:2** O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

**As I draw to a close we look at the end of the chapter... It starts with and ends with** Let not your heart be troubled

**John 14:27** Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. The word Peace is used for reconciliation and love; **the peace bequeathed is peace with God**, peace with one another; peace *in our own hearts* seems to be especially meant; a tranquility of mind arising from a sense of our justification before God.

“The peace I give is of such a nature that the smiles of the world cannot give it, nor the frowns of the world take it away.” No matter what I face I know I have been reconciled to God His reconciliation He has adopted us into His family.

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