

Series: Standing on the Promises of God

I WILL COME AGAIN AND RECEIVE YOU JOHN 14 & OTHERS

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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.*

Introduction:

These words were some of the last words the Lord shared with His disciples.

In these words we find comfort, and clarification.

We also find that these words contain a promise.

In this promise we find Hope for Tomorrow and Help for Today.

The Lord promised that He would come again and that where He was we would be there also.

Understand that Heaven is

A Place of Reunion

A Place of Rest

A Place of Rejoicing

I would like to share just a few thoughts this morning the last Sunday of this year on this promise the Lord made regarding His coming again and receiving us unto Himself.

Note some truths found in the text:

1. PERPLEXITY THAT IS REMOVED (vs. 1)

Keep in mind the Lord was about to be crucified and he was sharing some final things with His disciples. The next few days was going to be very stressful.

Notice:

A. The Locality of Perplexity (vs. 1)

John 14:1

¹ Let not **your heart** be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

The place of this perplexity is the “heart.”

The heart is the seat of the thoughts, passions, desires, appetites, affections, purposes, endeavors.

It is the understanding faculty, the seat of intelligence.

Understand the God first deals with the heart and then the head and hands.

Too often we attempt to do the very opposite – we try to deal with the head and hands.

Remember:

Psalm 34:18

¹⁸ The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Isaiah 26:3

³ Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Note not only the location of this perplexity but also:

B. The Liberation of the Perplexity (vs. 1)

John 14:1

¹ Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

As we believe or trust or perplexity will be removed.

Note:

Psalms 42:5

⁵ Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

Isaiah 12:2-3

² Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. ³ Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

Isaiah 43:1-2

¹ But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. ² When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Psalm 57:7

⁷ My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

A heart that is fixed on God when we pass through the waters He will be with us, when we pass through the rivers they will not overflow us, when we walk through the fire we will not be burned.

We can trust Him and not be afraid.

Because He is our hope we can sing and give praise.

He and He alone can liberate us from the perplexity in our heart.

Note not only the Perplexity that is Removed but also the:

**2. PREPARATION THAT IS MAKING READY
(vs. 2)**

John 14:2

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.

As we consider this note:

A. The Location of this Preparation – In my Father’s House

Remember this world is not our home – we’re only passing through.

2 Corinthians 5:1

¹ For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Home is a comforting word for most.

This is a word the best describes Heaven.

For the believer to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:8

⁸ We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Notice not only the Location of this Preparation but also:

B. The Laborer of the Preparation

John 14:2

*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.*

When we recently remodeled the restrooms we discovered the work of human hands.

Not everything was square.

But notices who it is preparing this place.

It is the Lord.

He is making the necessary preparations for us and that which He is preparing will be right.

This place that is being prepared is being prepared for prepared people.

We will say more about that in a moment, but understand, it is our Saviour who is preparing a place for us in His Father's house.

Note not only the Perplexity that is Removed and the Preparation That is Making Ready but also the:

3. PROMISES THAT ARE REASSURING (VS. 2-3)

John 14:2-3

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.* 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.*

Note:

A. The Lord of the Promises

Understand that God cannot lie.

Numbers 23:19

¹⁹ **God is not a man, that he should lie;** *neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?*

Malachi 3:6

⁶ **For I am the LORD, I change not;** *therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*

Luke 21:33

³³ *Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.*

Romans 11:29

²⁹ For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

Titus 1:2

² In hope of eternal life, which **God, that cannot lie**, promised before the world began;

Hebrews 6:18

¹⁸ That by two immutable things, in which it was **impossible for God to lie**, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

2 Corinthians 1:20

²⁰ For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Note not only the Lord of the Promises but also:

B. The List of the Promises

The Promise of Readiness – Prepare a place for you

The Promise of Return – I will come again

The Promise of Reception – Receive you unto my self

The Promise of Reality – Where I am, there ye may be also

What great comfort we find in these promises.

Note not only the Perplexity that is Removed the Preparation That is Making Ready and the Promises That Are Reassuring but also the:

4. THE PATH THAT IS TO BE REGARDED (VS. 4-6)

John 14:6

⁶ Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

As we stated earlier that Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people.

The Lord clarified the path of preparation that is to be regarded .

He said:

I Am the Way

Note the singleness of these words.

He and He alone is the way.

The way speaks of a single way.

There is only one way, not many ways.

No one comes to the Father but by Him.

Close:

As we close this year considering His promises let me ask Have you prepared to meet the Lord.

If you have He is preparing a place for you and will one day come again and receive you, so that where He is you may be also.