

Intimacy with Father, Son and Spirit

Session 20 : The Father's House: Having an Eternal Mindset (Jn. 14: 2-3)

Revisiting the topic that Jesus is God and The Father and Jesus are One.

⁶*"Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: 'I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God.(Isa 44:6)*

"Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.¹⁸I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. (Rev 1:17)

⁴*"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! (Deut 6:4)*

All it takes is the want, the revelation, the surrendering of our thinking that we understand and can understand everything and just allow the bible to say what it says and believe it.

The word **One** in Deut 6 is the Hebrew work **e'had (ekh-hawd)** , means united, it goes on to say that these words *alike, alone, altogether* describe it

e'had root word is **ahad (aw-had)** means to unify, to go one way or the other

So is it coincidence that Jesus in Jn 14 says

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

here are some other amazing verses

¹⁵*The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. (Col 1:15)*

¹*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (Jn 1:1)*

¹⁴*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. (Jn 1:14)*

¹⁸*No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. (Jn 1:18)*

³⁰*I and the Father are one." (Jn 10:30)*

I. Review: JESUS' COMMAND NOT TO LET TROUBLE DOMINATE OUR HEART

¹*Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me...²⁷Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you...Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (Jn. 14:1, 27)*

Much like the point that I make above, Jesus is asking for the same trust the disciples had in the God of Abraham that they grew up believing in by growing up in a Jewish culture, to place that same trust in Him.

Jesus' appeal to them wasn't to convert for the first time, these men were with Jesus for 3 ½ years, He was appealing to their hearts knowing that there is a deeper level of metamorphosis that they had not chosen yet, and He was urging them to follow Him there. He was inviting them into a place to have their hearts and minds be transformed (**Rom 12:2**) so that comfort, peace and joy will abide in them when trouble is around.

Jesus was preparing them, as the forerunners/examples to prepare all of humanity for the same.

Jesus highlighted 8 truths on the basis that we do not escape trouble, but through Him, aligned in Him, He will nurture the hope and strength to get through it to prepare hearts for this world and His plan.

Truth #1—*Belief in the truth about Jesus—His person, promises, and leadership*

Truth #2—*Jesus' first promise was to return to be with us in the Father's house forever*

Truth #3—*We can engage in a deep relationship with God in this age (14:3, 23).*

Truth #4—*God's love for God and His people*

Truth #5—*He supernaturally empowers us now by the indwelling Spirit (Jn. 14:16, 26; 16:13-15)*

Truth #6—*Access to supernatural resources through Spirit-led prayer as God supplies our needs.*

Truth #7—*How Jesus responded to the apostles when they stumbled*

Truth #8—*The joy of eternal rewards related to being faithful to Jesus and enduring persecution.*

II. THE FATHER'S HOUSE, OUR ULTIMATE DESTINY. (Jn 14:2,3)

²In My Father's house are many mansions...I go to prepare a place for you...³I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. (Jn. 14:2-3)

- Jesus promised us to return for us to be with us forever in the Father's House
- Jesus began elaborating to the apostles what it meant to overcome a troubled heart by emphasizing the taking us to His Father's House (The New Jerusalem) as a foundational truth on which we are to build our lives on!!

This notion about the end times and the idea that we are to have hearts to overcome any trouble, is not made up by mad men. Jesus, if you truly look at His words and the sentiments of Paul and the apostles, they are calling us to live a life in Love with Jesus, and in abandon of this world. To be in the world but not of it.

With the promise and expectation that He is coming, to put an end, and oh what an end it will be. And that at the end of this age and the beginning of the next we will have a glorious new house, the New Jerusalem where we will reign as Kings and Priest with our God.

- ***⁴I saw thrones, and they [saints] sat on them...they reigned with Christ for a thousand years...⁶They shall be priests of God...and shall reign with Him a thousand years. (Rev. 20:4-6)***

The Apostles didn't have this revelation in full detail at that time, but the Father's plan is for the saints, with resurrected bodies to reign with Jesus in the 1,000 reign over an imperfect earth, with imperfect people, with the temporary removal of all Evil, to show the world (those that survive) what governing with Jesus is really like.

That is the clearest picture I can give you as to what scriptures from both Isaiah and Revelation give us.

- Understanding the biblical perspective of heaven is important because it affects how we see our future, which affects how we live today. If we do not think rightly of heaven then we end up not thinking with a Kingdom perspective at all. Heaven will be on Earth at the return of Jesus, it is called the New Jerusalem.

- When Jesus returns, He will join the heavenly and earthly realms.

9...having made known to us the mystery [hidden plan] of His will...10that He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.(Eph. 1:9-10)

The centerpiece of God's eternal purpose is for Jesus to come back and establish His Kingdom over all the Earth and **join** the heavenly and earthly realms together. God's presence and power will be openly manifest.

III. JESUS PREPARED THE WAY FOR MANY TO LIVE IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE (Jn 14:2)

²In My Father's house are many mansions...I go to prepare a place for you...(Jn 14:2)

- The Greek word for mansion is mone' (mon-ay') which translates an abiding, dwelling place, an abode.

These are permanent places as in contrast to "tents" of humanities present pilgrimage.

- ⁹...I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb... (Rev. 7:9)

In revelation it gives the size of the New Jerusalem, the place will be 2,250,000 square miles. It's roughly 66% of the size of the United States.

This is the place Jesus is preparing for us. Jesus died for us to prepare a place for us. Heaven, the New Jerusalem is a place that already existed, but His sacrifice prepared the place for us. It gave us the legal right not to be homeless anymore, and He promises to return to access that place forever.

IV. JESUS WILL COME AGAIN TO BRING US TO THE FATHER'S HOUSE (JN 14:3)

³I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. (Jn. 14:3)

- Jesus in verse 3 promises to come again. He was primarily referring to His second coming (**Acts 1:11**), pointing back to the last message that He gave them on Tuesday from **Matthew 24:29-31**.

¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:10,11)

²⁹Immediately after the tribulation...³⁰The Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth...will see the Son of Man coming...with power and great glory. ³¹And He will send His angels... and they will gather together His elect...from one end of heaven to the other. (Mt. 24:29-31)

*** we have to understand how to read, and we have to understand the plan of the Father, because if we do not we can be deceived.

The whole idea if Jesus coming has been mis-interpreted and mainly with eyes of bias. For example: Jn 16:16-17 is clearly Jesus talking about Him returning to them in His resurrection

¹⁶Jesus went on to say, "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."¹⁷At this, some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he

mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" (Jn 16:16-17)

Other times its through the Holy Spirit

¹⁴He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. (Jn 16:14)

or

²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (Jn 14:26)

So when we read Jesus' words we have to understand the context in which He is communicating. ***

What appears to be a tragic event in history in Jesus going to the cross and even in the difficulty of the Great Tribulation—those times of great pain actually lead to the greatest victory for humanity. It's easy to be overwhelmed with our pains and problems, and thus lose sight of glorious joys that await us in eternity.

We must fix our hearts to His plan, and our eyes to the Age to Come, and the only way to do it is through Jesus, and the bride.

We need each other through this process.