

Series: John

Title: I will Come Again

Text: John 14:1-6

Take your Bibles, please, and turn with me to John chapter 14. The Gospel of John chapter 14 beginning with Vs. 1. In this text will are going to learn something about the PROMISE OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST. Our subject: I WILL COME AGAIN. Would you please stand for the reading of God's Word?

(Read John 14:1-6)

(Prayer)

There is a little chorus that I learned as a child in Sunday school. It is a simple little chorus. I didn't know it at the time, but it is based on vs. 1 of this text. Maybe you know it? It goes:

I am on my way up there, to my Father's house,

To my Father's house, to my Father's house.

I am on my way up there, to my father's house.

And there will be peace, peace, peace.

How many of you know that chorus?

Now, I want to look at the promise of the Second Coming of Christ in two ways.

(1A) Number one, in verses 1 through 4, notice the promise of a place. The promise of a place.

~~(1B) Now I want to look at this promise of the second coming of Christ in two ways.~~

~~(1C) First of all, the promise of a place. And (2C) secondly, the path that leads to this place. So~~

~~let's look at verses 1 through 4 concerning the PROMISE OF A PLACE.~~

Note: I want to
Well, let's *Of course* *Text: my father's house*
Now, you all know that we call this place heaven. But, what is it that God wants us to learn from these verses about heaven? I believe He wants us to learn basically three things.

(1D) Number one, the Bible teaches that this promise of a place called heaven gives PEACE to the believer's heart. I think that is great to remember.

Vs. 1 says: "let not your heart be troubled, believe in God, believe also in me."

BELIEVE WHAT? What are we to believe that will give us peace? We are to believe that Jesus is going to prepare a place for us. And according to our Lord, that is the answer to a troubled heart. *Wow!*

Over in chapter 16 verse 33, Jesus said: "These things I have spoken to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage, I have overcome the world."

And it dawned on me. You know, dear friends, there really is no need for us to be troubled. There is no need to be upset. WHY? Because Jesus is saying that this promise of a place called heaven gives peace to a troubled heart. So, if you are restless and you are troubled, and you have anxieties, and you want to have peace, then start thinking about the place that Jesus has prepared for you. GET A HEAVENLY VISION.

You see, we often forget this great promise of Jesus. And we get bogged down by all the thing we are going through, whether at home or at work. Oh, listen, let's remember that Jesus is coming back for us. And there is peace in that knowledge. Real peace even in the midst of a storm. To know that everything is alright. And to know that one day soon, Jesus is coming back *to planet earth. And that is tremendous!*

(2) Now, secondly, concerning the presence of Jesus forever, the Bible teaches that He is going to receive us unto himself. Isn't that great? Vs. 3 says, "I will come again, and receive you to myself." Now, there is a very precious word, here, in the Greek language. It is the word "receive." This word is a compound word. One, meaning "to take." The other word is a little preposition meaning "along side of." Now, put it together. I hope this blesses your heart. Jesus is going to take me, and he is going to take you, if you are a believer, along side of himself. And we are going to be with him forever. Boy! That just sends goose bumps up and down my spine. It makes a hard day a lot easier to get through. If that truth doesn't bless your heart, then maybe you need a good dose of milk of magnesium.

But, there is a warning here, dear friends, when Jesus said, "I WILL TAKE YOU ALONG SIDE OF MYSELF", as beautiful as that is, as wonderful in terms of assurance of His presence, but there is also a sad note here. That if you are not ready for Christ coming, if you are not ready to meet the Lord, there is no time for you to have a second chance when Jesus comes again.

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Dear friends, the Bible teaches that two are in the field. And one will be taken along side of Jesus. And one will be left to go into the tribulation. Oh! How we need to understand the urgency of this verse. If you don't know in your heart, now, that if you were to die that you would be with Jesus in heaven,. If you don't have that assurance, OH! Listen, confess your sin and ask Jesus to come into your life. This is so important because of the eternal consequences.

OK - Two points - The promise of a place

(2) Now, secondly, Vs. 5-6, let's look at the path that leads to this place called heaven. How do we get there. What is the path?

(1) First of all, notice in Vs. 5, the common question that people ask. It was ask by Thomas. Thomas said to Jesus, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How do we know the way?"

You see, times do not change. It was ask in the days of Jesus. And it is still being ask today. HOW CAN WE KNOW THE WAY? That is the question.

1) First,

(2) Secondly, look at the answer that Jesus gives. He said, "I am the way."

Dear friends, that is the method by which I am going to be in heaven someday. It is through or by means of the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the way.

And notice, please, it doesn't says that Jesus is "a way." It says that he is "the way." Meaning: the only way. There is no other way to heaven.

Many people argue, "well, I believe that all religions are trying to get people to the same place. Aren't they all doing the best they can? After all, they are sincere. And in the end, everybody will make it to heaven."

Oh, no! That is not true based on logic alone. Nobody make, it by violating the laws of God who made them. God said that the only way is through His son, Jesus Christ. And you can be sincere, you can be dedicated, you can be great in terms of outward appearance and works; and, yet, the Bible says that Jesus is the only way. There is no other way.

Now, the Gospel of salvation is so simple. A child can receive Jesus. And yet, I have found that Christians are being broken down, continually, by the humanistic philosophies of the world that causes one to believe that in the end God will excuse those who have not come by means of Jesus. And in the end those who are "sincere" will go to heaven.

Oh, listen, dear friends, that is a lie straight from Hell. Satan is getting Christians side tracked. The Bible teaches that Jesus is the only way. And no man comes to the Father except by the way of Jesus Christ. It is believe on the name of the Lord Jesus and you shall be saved. That is the method. That is the way to heaven.

(3) ^{*second*} Third, notice please, the message. Jesus said, "I am the truth." And the truth that He is referring to here, is the doctrine that Christ taught in the Gospel of John. Namely, that Jesus is God. God in human flesh. That Jesus and the father are one. That Jesus is the savior who died for us. That ~~He~~ is the light of the Word. He is the truth. *And that is the message*

Third, part of the answer
(4) ~~Fourth~~, Vs. 6, the motive.

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Jesus said, "I am the life." This is referring to a particular kind of life, namely eternal life. And the whole motive is that Jesus is the life.

And dear friends, it is not wrong to give that motive. Someone once said that there are two reasons why a person will do something: PROFIT OR LOSE. Those are the two basic motives of all people. And our lord taught that this is exactly ^{what is} involved in the Gospel. It is either receiving eternal life and tremendous profit. Or, it is receiving eternal damnation and tremendous lose. Oh, let me tell you the motive is so important.

Now, why am I telling you this? Because I see in the Christian Church, today, so many wrong motives, especially in the thinking of so many Christians. It is not the Christian message that we are trying to help people to have more love and peace and joy in their life, even though Jesus will give all of that through the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit as we apply the Word of God. But, that is not the real motive in evangelism, or worship, or in coming to church. That is not the motive. The motive is not just to help educate people for a better way of life . Even though that is a result of a caring church.

NO! WAY! The real motive behind the Gospel is eternal life with eternal consequences. And dear friends, unless we believe the Christmas story, that Mary would bear a son, and His name shall be called Jesus, because he shall save people from their sins; unless we believe that message, we shall be lost forever in that place the Bible calls Hell.

Jesus said, "what good is it if a man gain the whole world and lose his soul" What good is it, dear friend?

The path to heaven and eternal life is through Jesus. He is the way. That is the method. He is the truth. That is the message. And he is the life. That is the motive.

And no one comes to the Father, but through or by means of Jesus. Jesus stands at the door of your life. Open that door and you to can have eternal life.

Shall We Close In Prayer