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JOHN 14:1-11

LESSON: THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE — January 2, 2022

INTRODUCTION:

There is a close connection between the events of Chapter 13 and the promises of Chapter 14. In Chapter 13 Jesus gave examples of humility to serve others. They were instructed that Christ would soon leave them. They were told that one of them would betray the Master, and Peter would be rebuked. To balance the teachings produced by the startling revelations, Christ brings a message of hope and encouragement in Chapter 14.

LESSON:

I. A PLACE PREPARED JOHN 14:1-3

14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. This text is spoken at many funerals to comfort the loved ones of the family members. In this setting Jesus had already spoken to His disciples in telling them that one of them would betray Him (13:21). The disciples were greatly "*troubled*" (*tarassetho*): disturbed, agitated, perplexed, worried, tossed about, confused, distressed. The disciples needed to settle down, so some sense of peace can be given. Therefore, Jesus begins to comfort them with these words: "Let not your heart be troubled." Jesus would no longer be with them physically. And He's letting the disciples know that deliverance from troubled and worried hearts will come through their believing in God as well as in Jesus. This would be their first step of faith.

14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions:— Jesus gives a picture of hope by showing the disciples a glimpse of what Heaven will be like. In Heaven there will be many large and stately rooms in His Father's house. Heaven is the spiritual world or dimension of being; the home of God where the mansions for believers exist. The word "*mansion*" (*monai*) means abiding place. It means places, residences, rooms, dwellings, areas, spaces for living. Just as we have dwellings and homes here on earth, so Jesus promises us dwellings and homes (mansions) in heaven. There will be no shortage there; there will be many mansions!

14:2b ...if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. Jesus is speaking from firsthand knowledge. This is not a lie, but He only speaks the truth, and the disciples should be comforted by the fact that Christ is going to personally prepare a place for them. We're not only placed in Jesus, but He has a prepared place! It's not only for them, but for us also that believe in Him.

14:3 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. When the Father says the time is right, Jesus will come back for us and take us home with Him. He lets the disciples know that wherever He is, they will be there also. We shall be with Him, and being with Jesus is being in a secured place where no power or foe can withstand. That's that secret place of Psalm 91.

II. THE WAY REVEALED JOHN 14:4-7

14:4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Jesus continues to tell them time and time again of His departure from this world, so they would be prepared.

- "**whither I go ye know**": It's the place He's from; His Father's House where many mansions are being prepared.





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"the way ye know": It will be through the process of death on the cross. Several times Jesus has told them. *John 12:24* "Verily, verily, I say unto you Except a corn or wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone but if it die, it brings forth much fruit."

Jesus has kept no secrets that He came from heaven, and would return to heaven. He's giving them a reminder.

14:5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?— Their confusion led to a question they had only interpreted with minimal understanding. But isn't this the same Thomas that said "*unto his fellow disciples? Let us go that we may die with him*"(11:16). Oh yes, they were returning to Judea where they tried to stone Jesus, going into Bethany where Lazarus was buried. However, this was something deeper Thomas didn't quite take hold of and had to question Jesus to get the understanding where He was going and the way He was going.

14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, — There is a difference between pointing the way, and taking someone by the hand and leading him there. I heard someone say that they were praying for strength. Well, let's change that and say Lord Jesus be my strength. He's your Shepherd, so, the person who guides a person to their destination literally becomes the way himself. Jesus Christ not only points out, and tells a person how to walk through life, and how to reach God the Father, but He is also the Way to carry you to the Father! Ask the Lord to be your Way!

...the truth, — There is a difference between telling someone the truth and living truth before them. Time and time again His Word had been spoken and proven. *The Word was sent* (Ps.107:20) into the world, and Truth was embodied in the Person of Jesus Christ. In John18:38 Pilate asked Jesus, *What is Truth?* Truth was standing before him, and he didn't even know it. As disciples of truth, we will know the truth and the truth will make us free (Jh.8:32); and we will know *thy Word is Truth!* (Jh.17:17b) So, unlock and break chains off and let Jesus be your Truth!

...and the life: — There is a difference between telling someone about life and actually living life. Jesus Christ is the very embodiment, energy, force, and source of life itself. He lived life perfectly by becoming a man; our example. Therefore, we possess He life perfectly when breath leaves the body, we still have life eternally. He is allowing His life to live in us eternally.

...no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. HE IS THE ONLY WAY TO GOD! Jesus is the Way to the Father; Jesus is the Truth to the Father; Jesus is the Life to the Father. If you think about it, the believer's primary objective is to go to the Father Himself, not to heaven. The believer's aim is to live in the Father's presence forever in heaven. You can't even get there on good deeds or works. It's only through the Person of Jesus Christ.

14:7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also:— Jesus is telling the disciples that He Himself is the perfect revelation of God. If a man wishes to see exactly who God is and what God is like, he must look at Jesus Christ. The supreme revelation of Jesus Christ is that God is love (Jh.3:16).

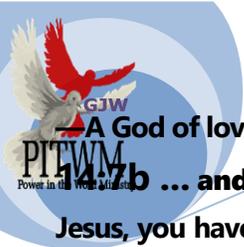
—A God of love is bound to reveal and...

- show man The Way to Himself
 - show man The Truth about Himself
 - show man The Life of Himself
- in the most perfect picture possible (through Jesus Christ).

—A God of love would never leave a man in the dark, ever seeking, and never able to find and to know.



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A God of love is bound by absolute love. It takes spiritual eyes of understanding to get what Jesus is speaking. **... and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.** It means when you have interacted with Jesus, you have interacted with the Father. The same love is expressed. We can be around people and not know them, because we have no interaction with them; no friendship with them; no relationship with them. **To know them is to see them!** In other words, **'All you have to do is learn of Me to know me. If you had just observed Me, you would have understood and known what the Father is like. Then, you would have seen the Father because We are One!'** Knowing Jesus, you know the Father because He is seen in Jesus.

III. THE FATHER SHOWN JOHN 14:8-11

14:8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Now, another disciple comes forward saying something that seems to be already answered. He wants Jesus to show them the Father, for then they would be satisfied. They didn't quite understand the answer Jesus had just explained. They want a visible, a tangible display of God. I guess that would better calm their fears. That's really saying *'Jesus, You're not enough; more is needed.'*

14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? ¹Jesus had been revealing the Father and the Father's "Will" ever since He came to the earth and it's astounding that they still didn't know. If we could put it another way, He's saying to Philip, *'have I given you such a shallow view of the Father in me, that you do not yet see the Father in me?'*

14:9b ... he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? Jesus is still saying, *'You already know what God is like, what He wants, and how He feels about you. I've been telling you. John 6:38 says "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." You know that because you know Me!'*

14:10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? Jesus might have expected the ones on the outside looking in to not believe, but **these are the ones close to Him asking, questioning, and needing more evidence.** Now it really comes down to what they believed, and what we believe as believers of Jesus Christ. The clear evidence that Jesus was the embodiment of God is threefold.

1. **The Father's presence in Jesus was proof that Jesus was the embodiment of the Father on earth.** Each has the nature and being, the Spirit and Mind of the other. **God was in Jesus, and Jesus was in God.** This simply means that God's presence is not only with Him; God's presence is in Him. He Himself is God. **"I and my Father are one"** Jh.10:30.

14:10b ...the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me,

2. **The Father's' words spoken by Jesus was proof that He was the embodiment of the Father.** When Jesus spoke, **"...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..."**, it was the Father speaking through Him. He didn't say anything the Father didn't intend Him to say. Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews could see that He was at least a teacher sent from God (Jh.3:2). And in Jh.3:34, **"For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God..."**

¹ <http://www.lovelord.com/books/john/39.html>
<http://www.pitwm.net/pitwm-versebyverse.html>



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14:10c ...he doeth the works.

3. The Father's works seen by multitudes was proof that Jesus was the embodiment of the Father on earth which will be explained in the next verse.

14:11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. The disciples were weak in their faith. However, there were two grounds on which they might believe: one was His own testimony, the other was His works. The Lord's miracles were undeniable and spectacular. He healed hopeless lepers, cripples, and one blind from birth. And we must not forget that He raised some from the dead! The works themselves spoke for themselves and all the other actions and teachings He did and gave was proof that Jesus was the embodiment of the Father on earth. It all boiled down to Believe Me or the Works!

SUMMARY:

Immediately after predicting Peter's denial, Jesus said to His disciples, "*Do not let your hearts be troubled!*" Deliverance from troubled and worried hearts came through them believing Jesus as well as God. Jesus is preparing many mansions in His Father's house. That means He has to go away; back to His throne in heaven and come again and get us; welcome us into His presence, so that we also may be where He is (14:1-3).

²Thomas still does not understand the meaning of Christ's statement, so he asks a question. In simple terms he says, "*I don't know where you are going, so how could I possibly know how to get there?*" (14:4-5). Jesus makes it clear that He was going to the Father and that He was the only way to the Father. Jesus' statement that "*no man cometh unto the Father but by Me,*" erases the possibility of going to heaven through good deeds, religious ceremonies, giving money, etc. (14:6). Knowing Jesus, you know the Father because He is seen in Jesus (14:7) (14:4-7).

Now Philip wants more evidence to be satisfied with seeing the Father face to face. '*Show Him to us!*' (14:8). The revelation that Jesus is the full embodiment of God is not seen to them. They are not believing the Father is indwelt in Jesus and doing the works. The clear challenge is to Believe Me or believe Jesus for the very works (miracles) He has done(14:9-11) (14:8-11).

² <http://www.family-times.net/commentary/jesus-encourages-the-troubled-disciples/>
<http://www.pitwm.net/pitwm-versebyverse.html>