

## John 14 Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

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

Clarke Lee's Commentary: In the previous chapter:

- Jesus has completed the Last Passover supper, the 1st Lord's Supper.
- He has washed the disciples feet
- He has identified the satanic presence and sent Judas the betrayer on his way into the night
- He tells the rest of the disciples that He will be glorified
- He tells them he must depart from them a little while and then see them again
- He gave the New Commandment to love one another as I have loved you. We point out here that satan, Judas, was not present and that we do not have a commandment to love those who are about satan's business but rather to love those who are about the Father's business as Jesus was.
- Peter asked where Jesus is going that they cannot go; and declares that he will follow Jesus even to death.
- Jesus tells Peter, of the denial that is coming in his life. ***"The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice."***

The context of the previous chapter puts this chapter in perspective for us. Jesus knows that the disciples are distressed and he tells them: ***"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me."*** The disciples are distressed because Jesus has just told them that one of their number was a devil, and exposed Judas Iscariot. ***Joh 6:70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?*** He has just told Peter; that he will deny that he even knows Jesus very soon. Don't you suppose the others are wondering what Jesus will tell them about themselves?

Matthew Henry points out; not only does Christ recognize our afflictions, he also knows how they affect us. A good reminder to us that God knows the very intents of the heart.

Notice his command in verse 1 to believe: ***"ye believe in God, believe also in me."*** This then is the remedy for keeping distress out of our lives. We must fully trust, and believe, that no matter what comes our way, God will protect and keep us through it all.

I have actually experienced this a few times in my life. It is truly, a sustaining grace of God, manifested in our lives when it happens with recognition.

### 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.

Clarke Lee's Commentary: Another sustaining grace of God is; that we know that Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us in the eternal heaven. When Jesus says ***"many mansions"*** it is indicative to us that our individuality is recognized in heaven. ***"I go to prepare a place for you."*** Jesus says; I am fixing a place for each individual person who shall be with me there.

### 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.

Clarke Lee's Commentary: We know the reason he is going forth from them for a while (he will ascend into the eternal heaven) and why He will return later and receive them unto himself, just as he will do for each individual heir of grace.

### 4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Clarke Lee's Commentary: Jesus declares that the disciples know where he is going and how he is getting there. The same is true of every believer in Christ. You know where he is and how he got

there because of the New Testament scriptures. This is our advantage over the disciples here, because they have not yet come to an understanding that Christ is to be:

- Crucified and buried in the tomb,
- That he is to arise from the grave,
- be seen of men,
- and ascend into the eternal heaven in the sight of men.

**5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?**

Clarke Lee's Commentary: The 3<sup>rd</sup> disciple to speak to Jesus; declaring he doesn't understand and asking for clarification.

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

Clarke Lee's Commentary: Because we have the New Testament scriptures this is an easily understood answer to Phillip; the 4<sup>th</sup> disciple to ask what Jesus is saying. In essence; Jesus is saying to Phillip, and the other disciples; you believe that I am the Messiah. If you truly believe this then you know that I am of the Father God and that the Father God exist in me. Because you know that I am the Messiah:

- You know that the way to the eternal heaven is by me,
- You know that I am the embodiment of truth itself,
- You know that I am the possessor and giver of eternal life,
- If you see and understand who I really am, you also know who the Father is,
- You know the works of miracles that I have performed in your sight and that is why you believe I am the Messiah,
- So, if you know all this; believe because you have seen the works, and you know that they can only come from God.

**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. 13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.**

Clarke Lee's Commentary: Jesus says to the disciples; you have seen me save and heal many lives and forgive sins. If you truly believe on me, you shall do greater works than these (greater meaning more in number). Jesus says; I have been here only a little while; but you, and my church, shall continue in time; and through you many shall be healed, brought to the knowledge of Christ, and saved by the grace of God manifested in your own lives, and being made effectual in their lives.

**15 If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world**

cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. **18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.**

Clarke Lee's Commentary: Notice the commandment; "**keep my commandments.**" and the reward of keeping the commandment: "**16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;**" is the presence of the Holy Spirit manifested to you in your own life. This is a special gift to you, my disciples, and not to the world at large. Saying to us today; the saved have the Holy Spirit presence, not every person on earth, since every person on earth is not to be saved.

Jesus is telling his disciples; you are receiving a special gift because you believe in me and I have prayed for you. This should be a comfort unto you; even in things you don't yet understand; you can still have the peace of God in your heart and soul, and be comforted. "**I will come to you**" in your distress.

**19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. 20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.**

Clarke Lee's Commentary: When you are inhabited by the Holy Spirit; you will see me truly for who I really am, and you will understand that I am indeed the Messiah, the day and way of salvation by grace.

**21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.**

Clarke Lee's Commentary: Again, we see the command to keep God's commandments; to the desired result of Christ being manifested to us.

**22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.**

Clarke Lee's Commentary: The 5<sup>th</sup> disciple to ask a question. Christ gives a definitive answer, of the means of identification of those who believe and those who don't. This is a rule of fruit inspection; to judge whether one is in the kingdom of God or not. Not to pass final judgment upon them, that is reserved to God himself, but to know with whom to associate ourselves in this life.

**25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

Clarke Lee's Commentary: Jesus explains that they have not had the fullness of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon them yet; but they are to know that it will be coming to them, and this is to be a comfort to them in this life. When this happens; they will have a new understanding, seeing clearly all things concerning salvation by grace.

**27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. 28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.**

Clarke Lee's Commentary: The peace of God in our lives is a most precious gift to the saved sinner. If we have the peace of God; we should not have fear of earthly things as declared in scripture in: ***Mt 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.***

**30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. 31 But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.**

Clarke Lee's Commentary: In conclusion; Jesus tells the disciples; I am not long upon the earth and will not speak to you many more things. Now, it is the time for me to accomplish, by my works, the will of my Father.

Wherefore, I say unto you again ***Joh 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.*** What great confidence we can have in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, because we have the New Testament scriptures and the rest of the story explained to us, clearly. Praise the Lord! Hallelujah! We have a risen and exalted Saviour! "***Let not your heart be troubled***"!

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