



PRAYER & WORSHIP

Opening Prayer/Worship Song: Worthy is the Lamb

INTRODUCTION

- Was there a time in your life that you are troubled and needed to be in safe/secure place?
- What is the most complete and secure "dwelling" (stay) place you can think of? What makes it complete and secure?
- Do you have access to that place – can you stay (dwell) in that place?
- Today, we will study about the assurance of the heavenly hope that God has provided through His Son Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

JOHN 14:1-11 (ASK SOMEONE TO READ LOUD AND CLEAR)

1 *"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.*

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 to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.*

4 *And where I go you know, and the way you know."*

5 *Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"*

6 *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father **except through Me.***

7 *"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."*

8 *Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."*

9 *Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father;** so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"*

10 *Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.*

11 *Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.*

DISCUSSION (- GET ANSWERS -)

Background:

- Jesus just told His disciples at the Last Supper that he was going away (John 13:36).
- Jesus had told them that He was going away and that they could not go with him.
- Jesus had told Peter he was going to deny Jesus before the night is over (John 13:38).
- Hence Jesus said, "Let not your hearts be troubled." As He was about to depart leaving them behind.

A. The Heavenly Hope

1. With the Lord's coming departure, what did He commanded to his disciples?

ANS.: verse 1

- *Heart not be troubled (do not be afraid)*
- *They must believe in Jesus as they believe in God the Father, instead of giving into a troubled heart*

2. What did the Lord assured for them not to be troubled? What did He promised?

ANS.: verse 2-3



- *Jesus will prepare a place for His disciples*
- *That place is Heaven (His Father's house)*
- *Jesus will come again and He will be the one to receive us and bring us there*

3. What is your idea of heaven? *(get answers)*

4. From this passage, what can we learn about heaven?

ANS.: verse 2-3

- "Many homes" (big for all who will be saved)
- Jesus our Lord Himself will prepare (v. 2)
- Since it is the Father's House, God will be there and we will be always be with Him.

5. Who is Thomas and what was His question to Jesus? What can we learn from Thomas in this passage?

ANS.: verse 1

- Thomas was an apostle of Jesus and had been following Jesus for three full years
- Like Thomas, we grew up going to church weekly, praying to God always but know little of basic spiritual truths – and when spiritual questions arises from our hearts, we should ACCEPT that we do not know everything and we need to GET ANSWERS from Jesus / God Himself through His Word (The Bible)

6. In verse 6, what did Jesus said about Himself?

ANS.:

- Jesus is the WAY
- Jesus is the TRUTH
- Jesus is the LIFE

7. What does it mean that Jesus is the WAY?

ANS.:

- Jesus is the way to heaven – the path in which we SHOULD FOLLOW
- Without Jesus, would we cannot go forth or move... we will just wander and go through life, with no direction and it will soon lead to destruction.

Proverbs 14:12 *There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.*

8. What does it mean that Jesus is the TRUTH?

ANS.:

- Jesus is the Truth that we must believe – other moral standards, ideologies, belief system we cannot fully rely.
- It is a statement of exclusivity either completely believe in Jesus, His Word, His promises "or" completely not believe.

9. What does it mean that Jesus is the LIFE?

ANS.:

- Jesus didn't offer us the secrets to life; He said that **He is the life**
- Jesus was willing to die for us, so we can have life... not just to have a good life here on earth but to have an everlasting (eternal) life with God in heaven.

To understand the LIFE that our Lord is giving us, we should understand the meaning of death in the Bible.

Types of Death:

1. **Physical Death** – separation of flesh (body) and our soul/spirit.

Eccl. 12:7 *"Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it."*

2. **Spiritual Death**- separation of our soul/spirit from God because of our sinful nature. God is Holy and cannot have fellowship with **sin**.

(Eph. 2:1-3, Rom. 7:9, Luke 15:32)

3. **Second death** – Total separation God; as we continue to be spiritually dead and did not accept what the Lord Jesus has done on the cross for us, when we die (physically), we will be forever cast away from God's Presence.



Rev. 21:8 *But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."*

According to the Bible:

- Death is a separation.
- When God created man, His plan was for man to love Him and enjoy fellowship with Him and to His creation.
- But man "sinned" against God and was cast out from God's presence, meaning spiritually dead.
- God still loves us and has provided a way for us to come back to Him by accepting Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
- Then we become spiritually alive again. Jesus now lives in us. That is why Jesus said He is the Life.

10. What does it mean when Jesus said "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also"? What's the significance of that statement?

ANS.: verse 1

- He was and is the perfect representation of God.
- To know Jesus is to know God.
- Therefore, Jesus is the only way to God; because He was with God ever since.

11. What did Jesus presented as solid foundations for our trust in Him and that He represents the Father?

ANS.: verse 10 and 11

- Not only we should trust Jesus because of **His person or Words**, we can also believe Jesus for the sake of the **works** He miraculously did.
- In verse 10 Jesus said "**Father who dwells in Me does the works.**"

REFLECTION

1. Do you think heaven is a place where you would really enjoy and love to dwell in?
2. If you do not enjoy fellowship with God, talking to Him (praying), and hearing His Words, and

worshiping Him, do you think you will be able to enjoy life (everlasting) with God in heaven?

CONCLUSION

Jesus never wanted us to have life without trouble, but He promised that we could have an untroubled heart even in a troubled life.

Our Lord gives us this glorious and heavenly hope. Jesus assures us that in God's house He had prepared mansions for us, and He will be come back to bring us there.

"If" there are many ways to God, then Jesus is not one of them, because He absolutely claimed there was only **one way** to God, and He Himself was that Way. Jesus is the only pathway to God the Father, the true God in heaven. So, in the midst of trouble, **LET OUR HEARTS NOT BE TROUBLED!**