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Revelation of the Father “The Way To God”

John 14: 1-11

Introduction

- ▶ In times of trouble and failure, where does our hope lie?
- ▶ Jesus had just predicted that He would be betrayed, denied, and killed (**John 13: 18-38**).
- ▶ Consequently, the disciples are troubled and sad.
- ▶ Jesus gave them this assurance to help them face the events of the next hours.

The Promise—vv. 1-4

- ▶ **1)** The disciples were troubled. Their sadness was two-fold: despair over Jesus about to be taken from them and their hope for the liberation of Israel from Roman rule seemed lost; and shame because Jesus predicted one of them will betray Him and another will deny Him.
- ▶ **2)** Jesus gave them hope. Jesus told His disciples to trust Him as they trust in God (**v.1**) in the face of everything that He told them would happen.
- ▶ Jesus assured them of God's sovereignty and faithfulness, even in the face of their weakness and failure.

The Promise—vv. 1-4

- ▶ **3)** Jesus told them that one of the reasons for His leaving them was to prepare a place for them in His Father's house.
- ▶ He also promised to come back and take them to where He is (**vv. 2-3**).
- ▶ Jesus revealed these rewards so that they will have something to look forward to.
- ▶ Reading between the lines, Jesus was also telling them that they will be forgiven, restored, and given places in God's own house.

The Promise—vv. 1-4

- ▶ From a human standpoint, Jesus being taken away from them was a negative event. But Jesus was telling them that it was actually for their good.
- ▶ 4) Many of us have been in situations wherein everything seemed to have gone wrong. We were sad and troubled.
- ▶ Jesus says we must trust in Him. His ways are higher than our ways, His thoughts higher than our thoughts. He is the one in charge.
- ▶ 5) The importance of hope: Paul says in **1Cor. 13:13**” And now these three remain: Faith, Hope, and Love. But the greatest of these is love.”

The Promise—vv. 1-4

- ▶ In Christian circles the most talked-about topic is **love**, and rightly so.
- ▶ Some also talk of **faith**, and this is good.
- ▶ **Hope** seems to be rarely talked about.
- ▶ But hope is also an important part of our life.
- ▶ We have hope, for all the promises of God as recorded in the Bible are available for us to claim.

The Way, the Truth, and the Life—vv. 4-7

- ▶ 1) After promising them their place in heaven, Jesus told His disciples that they already knew the way— **“He is the Way, the Truth and the Life”** (vv. 4,6)
- ▶ a) Jesus is the Way
- ▶ Jesus did not say, “I will show you the way,” because
- ▶ **He Himself is the Way.**
- ▶ Jesus did not say, “I am one of the ways to the Father,”
- ▶ **because He is the only Way.**

The Way, the Truth, and the Life vv.—4-7

- ▶ **B) Jesus is the Truth**
- ▶ It has become fashionable for people to say that there is no absolute truth, that everything is relative.
- ▶ Consequently they say that whatever you feel like doing, just do it, because there is no such thing as sin and guilt, no right or wrong, no good or bad, since everything is relative.
- ▶ Jesus says there is truth, and He is the embodiment of that truth.
- ▶ This truth is spelled out in the **Word of God**, which is the absolute standard by w/c everything is measured against.

- ▶ When we read the **Word of God and Jesus is in us**, we will know what is right or wrong, good or bad, what the order of the universe is and what will be the culmination of history.
- ▶ Reading the **Word of God w/out Jesus in us** cannot get us to the truth because of misinterpretations.
- ▶ Only when **Jesus is in us (hence the Holy Spirit too)** can we really know the truth.

The Way, the Truth, and the Life vv.—4-7

- ▶ **c)** Jesus is the Life
- ▶ This life is not just the prolongation of our life after we die physically.
- ▶ This life starts now when we are **born again into God's family**, and refers to an infinitely better quality of life than we have before; **a full of love, peace, joy, meaning, fulfillment etc.**
- ▶ We live in close fellowship w/ God instead of under His wrath.
- ▶ Jesus Christ is the Life or personification of life, so that when we have **Jesus in our heart, we have Life.**

The Way, the Truth, and the Life—vv.4-7

- ▶ **2)** The disciples were still having a hard time understanding.
- ▶ They were still thinking in physical terms **(v.5)** while Jesus was talking about spiritual matters **(v.6)**.
- ▶ **3)** Jesus explained further what His being the Way to the Father meant **(v.7)**.
- ▶ To approach the Father, one should approach Jesus because **knowing Jesus is knowing the Father**.

The Father revealed—vv. 7-11

- ▶ 1) Who is God to us?
- ▶ Is our greatest desire to see Him and know Him, or just to receive His blessings?
- ▶ 2) Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father (v.8).
- ▶ This has been the desire of Jews since Moses (Exodus 33: 18-23), Psalm 4:6; 17:15; 27:8; 31: 16 etc.)
- ▶ 3) Jesus told Philip that anyone who had known and seen Him has known and seen the Father (vv. 7,9).
- ▶ He further expounded on this by emphasizing His unity w/ the Father and the Father's consequent working through Him (v.10) and presented the miracles that He performed as additional proof of this (v.11).

- ▶ 4) There is a difference between “knowing about God” and “knowing God.”
- ▶ There is a difference between “knowing about” a person and “knowing” a person.
- ▶ All of us “know about” the President of the United States of America-what his background is, what his achievement are, etc.
- ▶ But how many of us really “know” him personally?
- ▶ To know a person, we need to interact w/ the person.
- ▶ In the same way, many of us “know about” God- we have heard other people talk about Him or we have read some parts of the Bible.

- ▶ But unless we interact w/ Him, unless we invite Him to come and rule our life, unless we obey Him and experience His presence and power in our life, we do not really “know” Him.
- ▶ As we come to know Jesus more and more, we become more and more like Him.
- ▶ We will think as He thinks, speak as He speaks, feel as He feels, and do things the way He would if He were in our shoes.

Conclusion

- ▶ As we come to know Jesus more and more, our hope in God and the future He has prepared for us will help us through the trials and troubles of this life.
- ▶ **Since Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life,** we can get to know God by interacting with Jesus Christ.
- ▶ And that is our greatest hope.
- ▶ **Thank You and God Bless.**

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