

YOUR PREPARED PLACE ... WHERE IS IT?

John 14:1-4

(1) *Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me.* (2) *In My Father's house (us) are many mansions* (Gk. MONE = dwelling places); *if it were not so, I would have told you. **I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU.*** It wasn't fully prepared yet and so it was not in the earthly realm where Jesus operated at that time. If it was in Jesus right there and then, He would not have to go anywhere.

(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.* A journey was involved which was to include resurrection and ascension. 'Unto' (Gk. PROS means TOWARDS ... towards where Jesus Christ is which is in Father's throne.

(4) *And whither I go ye know and the way ye know.* (6) *Jesus said, I am the Way, the truth and the life ... no man comes to the Father but by me.* The first clue is seen that this place was in/with the Father.

HOW IS THIS PLACE ATTAINED BY US?

Simply **BELIEVE ... BELIEVE ... BELIEVE ...** *This is the work of God that you believe* (John 6:29). In our Father's house ... His Temple, us ... there are many dwelling places of experience, development and growth. Yet there was still a further place obtainable and it was special and Jesus had to go through with His calling to see that this particular place was prepared for those who believe.

When did He do it? When He was crucified and was buried ... and resurrected and ascended into Father's throne which is the highest vantage point of knowing the Father and seeing what He is doing in this hour.

We are in Christ Jesus right now and also in that prepared place (Eph.2:6). It became ours when Father raised up Christ (and us with Him) into Himself. Then Christ (Spirit) came again from that place ... this Spirit-God-Christ came into His body — for a spirit must have a body to dwell in otherwise he cannot be seen. His body now is corporate with each part having the characteristics shown to us in Jesus while He was on the earth.

So now, do you know where your place is? You are seated where? Yes ... in Father's throne. Praise the Lord for such a provision. So from that place, 'Keep looking down' ... Right?

HE WENT AND HE CAME

He said it would take place 'In a little while'

John 16:16 *A LITTLE WHILE and ye shall NOT SEE Me; and again, A LITTLE WHILE and ye shall SEE Me, because I go to My Father.*

To SEE Christ ... the Spirit of God ... He has to be in a Body. The people of His earthly walk days saw Christ in the Body of Jesus. Today after Calvary, He is in us, His Body *for know you not, that ye are the Body of Christ.*

John 4:24 *God is Spirit* ... There is ONE God and He is Spirit. He is holy hence He is THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Now to clarify this situation, the Lord quickened to me 1 Corin. 6:17 *He that is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Jesus told us that He was one with His Father* And also (John 10:30) *I and My Father are one.* Jesus was a Spirit-man and thus could be one with His Father who also was Spirit. One and the same Spirit and character to bring forth one original purpose. Now add in (John 14:9) Jesus said ...*he that has seen me has seen the Father.*

IN A LITTLE WHILE of our opening verse ... the two '*little while*s' are the same (in the original Greek as well as in the English) and therefore close in time. Not one of them being different to the extent of 2000+ years from the other ... not one *little while* and one *big while*. Jesus left this earthly scene. This Spirit-God-Man ascended and the body in which He was residing went too. The emphasis is now on the Spirit-Man-Christ. This is why New Testament emphasis is on *Christ in you, the hope of glory* ... NOT Jesus in you!

'NOT SEE ME' and then 'SEE ME'

The main point Jesus was making was concerning His visible expression in the earth. God was in one man, Jesus who was called THE SEED. That Seed was sown in the ground and died at Calvary ... then came new life from that Seed and the increase was great so that now, as *every seed brings forth after its kind*, the Body of Christ is almost uncountable!

HE WENT ... On the Cross Jesus yielded up His Spirit to the Father. After three days and three nights God raised Him from the dead and gave Him a resurrected body ... a body on a higher spirit plane that could move uninhibited in the seen and unseen realms. Jesus went back into the Father, into that One Spirit.

Jesus, **the Son of Man** was crucified, the Son of Man died, the Son of Man was buried, the Son of Man was raised in a new body and the Son of Man ascended in His new body. **The Son of God** ... the Spirit-Christ Life of God in Jesus. He, being God, could not die but was the Divine Life in Jesus that enabled Him accomplish Father's plan.

HE CAME ... When did this Spirit-Man come back? The answer is in two parts. Firstly Jesus from His new Body in the upper room, *breathed INTO His disciples and said receive ye the Spirit* (John 20:22) and secondly at Pentecost when that same Spirit came **UPON** those men releasing the full nature of Christ Jesus in them and later through them to carry on His ministry so that God can eventually be seen to be All in all.

The SPIRIT in Christ Jesus left and the Spirit in Christ came. The two 'little whiles' are over and completed some 2000+ years ago. HE IS HERE in you and I growing us up to be in His Image and Likeness ... you see, God is still completing His original plan and He doesn't change.. The unenlightened will then be able to see that He has come ... He has been in His Body all along!

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Your **PREPARED PLACE** is in Christ, in Father's Throne ruling and reigning with Him to see that His whole plan of the ages is brought to the undeniable conclusion..

FOOTNOTE: Do not think for one moment that we have belittled the life and sacrifice of Jesus — He was and is the one and essential way to salvation and being reconciled to God. His obedience to His calling was made possible because of Christ (the Divine Anointing) being in Him ... He was both Son of God and Son of Man. We too are the same for the Son of God, *Christ dwells in our hearts by faith* (Eph.3:17) and we are Son of Man in our earthly bodies containing God's anointed life ... thus the invisible God is seen in this visible realm. §