

The Promise of Heaven

John 14:1-6

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

And you know the way to where I am going. “Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through ME.

The promise of peace
(14:1)

Let not your hearts be troubled.... (1a)

“Heart” – the center of what matters to you; your emotions; your passions; the core of

your decision making;
What you love;
Your personality.

“Troubled” – to be tossed
to and fro; agitated; (their world was falling apart)
... Neither let them be afraid.”
Jn. 14:27

Why would the disciples be troubled?

- . Jn. 11:8 – “the Jews were seeking to stone Jesus.”
- . Jn. 13:21 – “one of you will betray Me.”
- . Jn. 7:25 – “Is not this the man whom they seek to kill?”
- . Jn. 11:16 – “Let us also go, that we may die with Him.”

Believe in God; believe also
in Me. Jn. 14:1b

And without faith it is impossible to please Him..
Heb. 11:6

For by grace you have been saved through faith...
Eph. 2:8

Have the exact same trust in Jesus that you have in God.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart... Prov. 3:5

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 Jn. 5:13

“Let not...” - cannot control outward circumstances but you can control your response.

Make a decision,
a commitment to trust,
not to be afraid.

Replacing fear and anxiety
with faith = Peace!

Stop being afraid!

He is trustworthy!

2. The promise of a place prepared Heaven has many descriptions

- . A city – Heb. 11:16
- . A country – Heb. 11:16
- . A kingdom – 2 Tim 4:8
- . Paradise – Lk. 23:43
- . A Throne – Isa. 6:1-3
- . My Father’s house – Isa 6:1-3
- . Comfort or place of rest – Rev. 14:13

In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

Jn. 14:2

- "many dwelling places" – NASB
- "many mansions" – KJV
- "there is plenty of room" – MSG
- "there is more than enough room in my Father's home - NLT

A reserved place prepared for you!

1 Pet. 1:4 – "reserved in heaven for you

- . No overcrowding (extra guests that show up)
- . No "reservation" problems.

Heaven?

- . A real place
- . Home!
- . Free of suffering, pain and death!
- . No more tears!

... shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Ps. 23:6

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him. 1 Cor. 2:9

3. The promise of personal relationship with Him forever.

Jn. 14:3

And if I go and prepare and prepare a place for you ...
(3)

I will come again and will take you to Myself. (3)

More than a place –

Heaven is a Person!

... To depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.

Phil. 1:23

. Meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 1 Thess. 4:17

... at home with the Lord.

2 Cor. 5:8

... that where I am
you may be also. (3)

- . No isolation
- . No distance
- . No separation
- . No aloneness
- . Not a long distance relationship
- . Not one in a crowd of billions

Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given Me, may be with Me where I am...

Jn. 17:24

They will see His face...

Rev. 22:4

4. The promise of a path to the Heavenly Father

And you know the way to where I am going (4)

Thomas said to Him,

“Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way? (5)

Previous information given to the disciples

. Whoever believes in Him will have everlasting life. Jn. 3:16

. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved. Jn. 19:9

Jesus said to him,
“I am...”

“The way” – the connection between 2 points;
path to a destination.

For there is one God and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. 1 Tim. 2:5

“... and the truth” – from God’s perspective; not what seems right to the world; absolutes based on God’s attributes not a truth among many.

And you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.

Jn. 8:32

“... and the life” – with God and from God – now and forever

- abundant life as God has planned for you.

. I am the resurrection and

the life – Jn. 11:25

. He has the words of life.

Jn. 6:68

. He came to bring abundant life. Jn. 10:10

No one comes to the Father except through Me. (6b)

Why does this upset the world?

. God cares about us

. God sent His son to rescue us

. Jesus is the door to life and invites all to come

. Those that trust in Jesus

do find life.

Apart from the way

there is no going...

Apart from the truth

there is no knowing...

Apart from the life

there is no living...

Chuck Swindoll