“Jesus’ Words About The Way Home”

John 14:1-6 Pastor Timothy Atkins

INTRODUCTION READ John 14:1-31 Jesus Helping His Disciples

Unique to the Gospel of John . . . Teaching by Jesus for His disciples

Words from Jesus for His disciples because of His departure 13:31-14:31

departing words of comfort and care His words of instruction and direction

 Remember John 13:19 . . . See John 14:29 . . . Know John 20:30-31

Context Series of Questions from His disciples [Peter, Thomas, Philip, Judas]

A Place Where He Goes & Prepares for Them To Be With Him

 The Promise Which He Gives & Proclaims to Them To Be About Him

 The Person Who He Sends & Describes To Them To Be From Him

1. In Jesus’ Words There Is Help for Our Heart on Earth 14:1

 Obedience to the Words of Jesus in The Present

1. Presently Not Be Troubled Any Longer Personally 14:1a

READ John 14:27 Jesus also experienced 11:33; 12:27; 13;21

“the hearts of the disciples were filled with a medley of emotions” Hendricksen

1. Presently Believe in God & Also in Me Personally Believe 14:1b

to believe to the extent of complete trust and reliance—‘to believe in, to have confidence in, to have faith in, to trust, faith, trust.’ Cf. 14:11-12

“faith in Jesus is inseparable from faith in God”

“Faith in the Lord Jesus is the only sure medicine for troubled hearts. To believe more thoroughly, trust more entirely, rest more unreservedly, may hold more firmly, lean back more completely—this is the prescription which our Master urges on the attention of all His disciples” [J. C. Ryle Expository Thoughts on the Gospels]

1. In The Father’s House There Is Hope of Our Home in Heaven 14:2-4

 Confidence in the Promises of Jesus for the Future

1. This Hope in His Promise of The Father’s House 14:2a

“In My Father’s house are many dwelling places” one house, many rooms

“a building or place where one dwells—‘home, dwelling, residence.”

“a place where one may remain or dwell—‘place, dwelling place.” Cf. 14:24

“if *that* were not *so*, I would have told you,

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I am coming again and will take you to Myself,

so that where I am, *there* you also will be.”

1. This Hope in His Promise of Preparing A Place for Us 14:2b

 “I . . . I go . . . I will come again . . . where I am . . .I am the way”

 READ John 3:11-13 John 17:11-13 cf. John 14:18, 28

1. This Hope in His Promise of Being With Him in That Place 14:3

proximity and intimacy cf. 13:1,3, 6; 14:6, 12

READ I Thessalonians 4:16-18 cf. 17:24; 2 Corinthians 5:8

“The emphasis in this prediction is on the comfort that reunion with the departed Savior guarantees . . . His return would be as certain as His departure.”

Constable Expository Notes

1. This Hope in His Promise of Knowing He Is The Way to The Father 14:4-6 “the way . . . the way . . . the way . . .”

CONCLUSION LOVE . . . FAITH . . . HOPE . . .

* The need for the words of Jesus in our lives as His disciples because of His counsel and His comfort here---greater measure with increased emotions, struggles, and troubles cf. Philippians 4:6-7
* Obedience to the Words of Jesus in the Present
* Confidence in the Promises of Jesus for the Future
* These matters brought to us by Jesus Himself at this time placing great importance being foremost among His many words in these chapters