“That Understanding About The Man Who Betrayed Jesus”

John 13:18-30 Pastor Timothy Atkins

INTRODUCTION READ John 13:1-38 Jesus Revealing His Betrayer

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

In order to measure the love of God you have first to go down before you can go up. You do not start on the level and go up. We have to be brought up from a dungeon, from a horrible pit; and unless you know something of the measure of that depth you will only be measuring half the love of God.

God’s Way of Reconciliation, Martyn Lloyd Jones

“Truly, truly I say to you . . .” v. 20, 21 oh what Jesus experienced and endured

“it was night [v. 30] . . . Therefore when he had gone out [v.31] . . .”

 “climbing over the love of Jesus to get where you are going”

1. Jesus Knows the One Who Will Betray Him 13:18-20

 A Prophecy About What Is Going to Happen “I . . .I . . .I . . .I . . .I”

Three realities emphasized in this Scripture passage Sober Warning

1. Jesus Knows His Betrayer Will Be Disorientating for Them 13:18

 Personally Hearing This Prophecy as His Disciples cf. 13:10

 “that the Scripture might be fulfilled” Psalm 41:9 cf. 2 Samuel 16

1. Jesus Knows His Betrayal Will Be Disturbing for Them 13:19

 Fully Believing His Testimony as His Disciples

 “from now . . . before it happened . . when it happens . . .”

 He is who He claimed to be cf. 8:24; Matthew 28:20

 4:26; 6:20, 35, 41, 51; 8:12, 24, 58; 10:7, 9, 11; 11:35; 14:16; 15:5; 18:5-8

1. Jesus Knows This Betrayer Will Be Distracting to Them 13:20

 Truly Fulfilling His Ministry as His Disciples

1. Jesus Identifies The One Who Does Betray Him 13:21-30

 A Scene About Who Is Betrayed “Jesus . . . Jesus . . . Jesus . . . Jesus”

Three relationships emphasized in this Scripture passage Solemn Ending

 Relationship of Jesus With John . . .how loved he was

 Relationship of Jesus with Judas . . . how close he would be

 Relationship of Judas with Satan . . .how far he would go

1. Jesus Identifies His Betrayer Is One of His Disciples 13:21-22

 “how many warnings did Judas step over on the road to destruction”

1. Jesus Identifies The Betrayer Who Is Given His Bread 13:23-27

Giving the morsel to Judas was an uncaught sign of recognition to John, but it was also the Lord’s final extension of grace to Judas. A host’s giving a morsel of bread to a guest was a sign of friendship. How ironic that Jesus’ act of friendship to Judas signaled Judas’ betrayal of friendship [The Bible Knowledge Commentary]

 “a final gesture and a final appeal . . .”

 “devil working undercover so people don’t know what’s going on”

 Judas refused the final and personal offer of salvation from Jesus

1. John Identifies The Betrayer As Him

 Who Went Out From Them 13:28-30 “he was lost . . .”

 “and it was night . . .” not merely an observation but condemnation

Leaving the presence of Jesus and abandoning His love into the dark

READ John 3:16-19; 8:12; 12:35-36

CONCLUSION READ John 13:31-33

* Indeed there is the exposing of who we actually are because of Who Jesus really is Jesus Knows . . . Jesus Identifies
* There are consequences of choices with Who Jesus Is
* Jesus knows all about you and those around you understanding what is going to happen no matter how much manipulating and maneuvering according to the ways of men
* Consider how Judas betrayed the love of Jesus in his manipulating and maneuvering without taking direction from the words of Jesus
* Are you one who claims to be a disciple of Jesus desiring to be close to Him, hearing His words and embracing His love? “one whom Jesus loved”