

“I Am Going to Prepare a Place for You.”  
John 14:1-3

### “God’s Solution to Trouble”

#### **A. In the midst of trouble, trust God.**

John 14:1, “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me.”

- We all have trouble. John 16:33, Jesus said, “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”
- Connecting to Christ also connects to His peace!
- Trust >> Dependence >> Insight and Instruction >> Less self-caused trouble.

#### **B. There is a place without trouble.**

John 14:2, “There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?”

- Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared person.
- “More than enough” is a great way to describe Heaven!
- Revelation 22:1-5 (NLT)
  - <sup>1</sup> Then the angel showed me a river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.
    - Remember what Jesus offered the woman at the well in John 4:10? “living water”
  - <sup>2</sup> It flowed down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations.
    - Only “tree of life” no “tree of good and evil.” No evil in heaven! Only life.
    - Which crops would you want on the trees? \_\_\_\_\_ . You get 24 choices!
    - We maintain a constant state of healing in heaven, also.
  - <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him.
    - No curse. “The curse” was the result of Adam and Eve’s selfish choice. In heaven there is no sin, no curse, no evil ... only purity, blessing, and goodness.
  - <sup>4</sup> And they will see his face, and his name will be written on their foreheads.

- We will be wholly His (name written on forehead) with no conflicting interests!
- <sup>5</sup>And there will be no night there—no need for lamps or sun—for the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever.
  - John 8:12, “I am the light of the world” is fully and finally true!
  - “Forever and ever.” Have you ever had one of those moments where you just didn’t want it to end? Heaven is a “never ending” place!
- Jesus has been gone a Looooong time preparing that place for us. He created the Universe in 6 days. What must heaven be like, Jesus there preparing it for us for 723,000 days now, and still ... He’s building it. What kind of place must that be?
- As awesome as all of this is ... the golden streets, the 24 crops, the healing, blessing, purity, the goodness ... still there is something FAR BETTER there waiting for us ...

### **C. We will be with Jesus when everything is ready.**

John 14:3, “When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.”

- 723,000 days now, still not ready. But when it is, He’s coming to get me, so we can be together.
- The main enemy of humankind has been separation:
  - We are separated from God because of sin.
  - We experience separation in relationships due to conflict.
  - We say goodbye to loved ones due to the separation of death.
  - The MAIN POINT of heaven is the opposite of separation: TOGETHER.
- Let me be honest with you ... many people get excited about heaven because they imagine a beautiful reunion with family. As much as I love and have loved my family, they do not compare with being in the presence of God. I am eager to see loved ones, of course. But the “loved one” I am most desperate to see is Jesus!

Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared person ... Revelation 21:27, “Nothing evil will be allowed to enter ... but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.” Is your name written there? Today you can give your life to Christ!

A closing prayer ... “Dear God, I know that my life is full of trouble, my heart sometimes bursts with it. You have said ‘trust Me.’ Okay, as best I know how I give myself to Your control. I say ‘Jesus, I trust You for my place in Heaven.’ When everything is ready, come for me so that we may be together, forever. Amen.”