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John 8:22, “*Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come.*”

John 13:36, “*Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards.*”

In the above two verses, Jesus talked about where He was going after His life on this earth. To the first group, He said they could not come where he was going. In the second verse, Jesus told Peter you cannot follow me now, but shall afterwards. One group would die in their sins and could not go to where Jesus was going. The other couldn't go now, but would die in the LORD and would be able to go where He would go after His life on Earth.

So often at funerals I have heard read, and have read often myself, the comforting passage of John 14:1-3, “¹*Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.* ²*In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.* ³*And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come*

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again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also.”

These are comforting words and it's no wonder they are read at funerals so often. Everyone who believes in the LORD and His word wants to go be with Him after this life. But, looking earlier in John we have seen that many cannot go to be with the LORD after life.

As we have seen in John 8, if we die in our sins, we cannot go to where the LORD is. It is impossible. When the rich man in Luke 16 died and was in Hell, one of the things he was told was that it is not possible to pass from Hell to Heaven, or from Heaven to Hell. This is a terrible thought for those lost, but a comfort to the saved. We know that once we are with the LORD in Heaven, we cannot then be lost.

For those living in the LORD, like Jesus told Peter, we cannot go to be with Him now, but we will after this life here. Only a few verses after Jesus told Peter this, Jesus told them not to be troubled. He let them know there is a place in Heaven for everyone who believes in God and in Him. Of course we know that this includes obedience and life-long faithfulness.

Jesus then tells us that in His father's house are many mansions. Try not to picture a big sprawling house. The word translated mansion here could be translated dwelling place. The thought is that in the Father's house are many dwelling places. The Father's house very possibly refers to Heaven and in Heaven there is room for everyone. Not everyone will be there, but all who live for the LORD and die in that state, will be there. There is room for all who desire this.

Though I'll not go into detail here, Ezekiel 40 has many verses referring to “little chambers” that wind upward. This certainly had references to the temple to come, but also very possibly images of Heaven in how we all have places of residence in the LORD's house.

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News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Leon Seaton Erin Davis, Denise Miller**, the sister of Sharon Franklin. **Sandy Duncan** is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Larry Compton is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on March 1. **Shirley Parson** is home following surgery on a blocked artery in her neck. **Brad Terry** got a report that he is now cancer free.

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Jesus then says in John 14 that He has gone to prepare a place for us. We cannot imagine how wonderful that place must be. To have a place created specifically for us by the LORD who knows all. He knows exactly what will be the best and most wonderful eternal dwelling for us. How terrible it would be to give this up when it has been prepared for us.

Not only is the LORD preparing this place for us, He will return and receive us. He is not just waiting for us to arrive, but will come and get us. At the end of time we will meet Him in the air and forever be with Him. I Thessalonians 4:17, “*Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*”

Jesus then says in John 14:3, “. . . *that where I am, [there] ye may be also.*” Where is Jesus now? I Peter 3:21 tells us plainly that baptism saves us, but the next verse tells us where Jesus is following His resurrection. I Peter 3:21-22, “*21 The like figure whereunto [even] baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: 22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.*”

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Sunday, January 27, 2019		
Classes	25	Hebrews 10:26-29
Preaching	34	II Kings 2:1-12
Contribution	\$1020.00	
Evening	11	Matthew 7:13-29
Wednesday, January 30, 2019		
Classes	8	I Chronicles 28:1-21

Visitors— Jan 27 (AM) Jordan Strother (Uno, KY); John Lay (Hiseville, KY)

Bible Quiz

Why did the LORD tell David he could not build a house for His name?

Last Week’s Answer— Tillage of the ground (I Chronicles 27:26)

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Jesus is in Heaven on the right hand of God. We too can be there if we overcome. Revelation 3:21, “*To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.*” What a wonderful thought this is, that we too can sit with Jesus in His throne. This awaits us in only a few short years after a faithful life of serving the LORD.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)