

## Introduction:

There are certain passages that tend to be quoted more than others and this is one of them, especially **verse 6**. But I want to look at the first 3 verses and draw some lessons from them.

**John 14:1** *"Let not your heart be troubled; you 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 again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.*

### I) Protection

A) **This a time of sadness as Jesus is talking about leaving them.**

1. They had spent three years with Him and the idea of Jesus leaving them created confusion and sorrow.
2. There are times we face those same things- leaving behind friends, people moving away, death of a love one.

B) **While Jesus was with them they felt safe.**

1. The hard questions were directed toward Jesus, they were trying to get Him to contradict the Law of Moses or Rome.
2. But now they will be asked the hard questions, they will be persecuted.

**Matthew 5:10** *Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

3. Peter and John were put into prison, Paul, many others suffered for the cause of Christ.

**C) Jesus offers them comfort- “Let not your heart be troubled”**

1. Worry, anxiety, sorrow all go together and they are a great burden.
2. Have you ever spent all day worrying, being overly anxious, crying or deeply sad?
3. Jesus says “Let not your heart be troubled” in our language it might be “I got you covered.”

**II) Promise**

**A) Definition – a declaration of something one will or will not do; an express assurance on which expectation is based.**

1. A promise is as good as the one making it.
2. When we believe or have faith in the promise we act accordingly.
  - a. You promise to mow my yard, to come and take me to the doctor, etc.
  - b. If I go out and hire somebody else to mow the yard or take me to the doctor it is because I don't believe in either your ability or sincerity.

**B) Jesus was declaring what He will do**

1. “I will go” - He will leave them.
2. “I will prepare” make ready.
3. “I will come again” return.

4. "I will receive you" be united with them again.

**C) What about us?**

1. Do we believe in the promises of Jesus?
2. His promise of returning again- the second coming.
3. His promise of all coming out of the graves.

***John 5:28 "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 "and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.***

4. His promise of judgement,

***John 12:48 "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.***

5. His promise of eternal reward.

***Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven..."***

**III) Provisions**

**A) What is being provided?**

1. They would be provided with the Holy Spirit.

***John 14:25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all***

*things that I said to you.*

2. Miraculous gifts – ability to heal, impart spiritual gifts.

## **B) Greater provisions**

1. Jesus trusted in the Father to provide; we can trust our Savior.

**Matthew 8:5** *Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, 6 saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." 7 And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." 8 The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. 9 "For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." 10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! 11 "And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 "But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.*

2. He's preparing for us something special, beyond our fondest dreams.
3. He has provided everything we need to go to heaven.

***2 Peter 1:3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,***

**IV) A Place**

**A) “I go to prepare a place”**

1. Heaven is a place, it is real, not a state of mind.
2. A place beyond this life.

**B) Mansion, rooms, dwelling place.**

1. Have you ever driven by a mansion and wondered what it is like inside? Number of rooms, dining rooms, living room, etc.
2. We never question the existence of those rooms because we know the mansion is real.

***Revelation 21:2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.***

3. We will all dwell together in the heavenly mansion.

**V) Presence**

**A) With others, in the presence of others.**

***“Where I am, you will be also”***

1. Have you ever gone or not gone somewhere because of who might or might not be there?
2. Presence can make something ordinary special.

**B) Who will be there?**

1. The disciples would be encouraged knowing they will see Jesus again.
2. God will be there and the Holy Spirit.

***Revelation 21:23*** *The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.*

3. All of the righteous will be there.

***Revelation 22:3*** *And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. 4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.*

## VI) Preparation—“where I am, you will be also”

### A) See preparation

1. God’s eternal plan of salvation.

***Ephesians 3:10*** *to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,*

2. Think of all the prophecies concerning the time of Jesus’ birth, His place of birth, His lineage, His betrayal, His means of death, His resurrection, the timing of His resurrection.
3. God was not making this up as He was going along.

### B) Our preparation.

1. Are you getting prepared to go- leave this life.

2. Are you prepared to face the judgement? Accountability
3. Are you prepared to go to heaven? Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people.