"Do Not Let Your Heart Be Troubled" John 14:1-3 June 2, 2021 Guest Speaker Assistant Pastor Mario Cañedo

Now, this being a passage on heaven, it offers us comfort, as well as hope in what is to come. Well, that is for us as believers.

Job tells us that man has been born for trouble.

Job 5:7 For man is born for trouble, As sparks fly upward.

John 13:36

We all go through problems:

Spiritual Problems

Problems in oneself

Vance Havner

"All the tribulations of this life are but incidents on the road from Groans to Glory."

Jesus has the solution! He is the solution!

Let us focus on our study for tonight.

1) A reason to be troubled Verses 1a 2) A reason to not be troubled Verses 1b -3

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Verse 1a

"Do not let your heart be troubled;" Why did Jesus say this?

Romans 8:28 And we know that God <u>causes all things to work together</u> <u>for good to those who love God</u>, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

Jesus was moved; he was troubled in spirit. He was worried, but not like we worry. He was troubled in what was coming.

John 13:21

a. one of you will betray Me." this is truly a reason to be troubled in spirit.

b. In Jesus saying that one of them would betray Him, he meant that Jesus would be removed from them. This affected them, His disciples.

John 13:33

John 13:37-38

Jesus knows us. He knows our weakness.

*** What we need to do is take a moment to listen, pray with them, and have a genuine concern for them.

Romans 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

"Do not let your heart be troubled;" What Jesus is telling us; in order to stop, to stop doing what you are doing, do not allow things to trouble your heart.

2) A reason to not be troubled Verse 1b-3

Verses 1-3

Let us focus on 5 points, or reasons, NOT to be troubled.

1) First reason; We need to believe that He is God.

Jesus said, "believe in God, believe also in Me." What is it that this verse is saying to us?

*** We need to believe and trust in Jesus. We need to put our faith in Jesus.

We need to take note that in this verse, Jesus makes himself equal with the Father. He claims to be deity because He is God.

"believe in God, believe also in Me."

John 14:6

We all too often hear when we are dealing with problems, "Everything will be alright."

But will it? What does it profit someone to hear these words if we don't include "believe in God, believe also in Me."

Let me ask you, where is your hope?

2) Second reason; We have a heavenly home.

Verse 2

"In My Father's house" this is heaven that He is talking about here.

In the Old Testament, we are not told too much about heaven. It does tell us that it is Paradise, but Jesus here makes it more than simply a place; He makes it a home in saying, "In My Father's house"

Heaven is a real place, and Jesus promises us that where He is, we too will be with Him.

John 12:26

"In My Father's house" Heaven is a real place, but understand this, it isn't for everyone. It is for all of us that have a Heavenly Father.

Going to heaven is exclusive: Members only!

Vance Havner:

"Our Savior has gone to prepare a place, but there are places only for those who make reservations. The dying thief made a reservation: "Remember me."

It is as though He is telling us, don't be worried, don't be troubled, and do not be afraid. "I'll be waiting for you In My Father's house."

In My Father's house are many dwelling places;

heaven has a lot of space; there are many rooms, there are many places to live.

Luke 14:21-23

When you stop and think about it, we have a great privilege that the non-believer doesn't have. We know our destination. We also know that we are with the Lord now, and someday we will be with Him for eternity.

Philippians 3:17-21

"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;..."

We have to keep looking toward heaven; it needs to be ever-present in our thoughts and heart, reminding us that this is our destination, reminding us that someday we will be going home. Maybe today? Maybe tomorrow?

3) Third reason: Our home is in heaven.

Verse 3 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.

4) Fourth reason: Jesus will return for us.

Verse 3 If I go and prepare a place for you, <u>I will come again and receive you to Myself</u>, that where I am, *there* you may be also.

The Disciples were not sure as to what was going to happen. We could say fear of the unknown, and many experience this.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

I love that it says comfort one another with these words. Remind each other of His promise.

Let me ask you; do you have confidence and peace in His promise? He will return for us. Do you believe this?

5) Fifth reason: We will always be with Jesus, where He is.

Verse 3 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.

When we leave this place, the world, we will be with Him, where He is.

Revelation 21:4

*** You have to come to Jesus in order to go to heaven.

Application:

- 1. We have to put our faith and trust in the Lord Jesus.
- **2.** We need to put our eyes on heaven and know that it is our destination. May it be our motivation because it is our home.
- 3. We need to trust His promise. Believe, He will return for us.

2 Corinthians 5:6-9 "Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight—we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord. Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him."