

Precepts That Preach

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Series...And Jesus Said...WHAT?

A CURE FOR A TROUBLE HEART John 14:1

This morning I want to look at a very familiar text. It is often used at funeral services because it is a text of comfort and hope. But this morning I want to look at the text in the setting and scene in which it was spoken.

John 13-17 are great chapters in this Gospel. They have been referred to as...THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS, in these chapters Jesus gives His farewell address to His disciples.

- Chapter 13-14...Upper Room Discourse
- Chapter 15-17...Leaves the Upper Room and walks toward the Garden of Gethsemane

Jesus speaks these words to His disciples in the upper room, the Passover chamber. I believe to fully understand the significance of these words; we must remember what had transpired previously. Jesus had just revealed to His disciples some shocking revelations...

1. Jesus said that one of them was a traitor and would betray Him.
2. Jesus said to them that the other 11 would deny Him.

3. Jesus said that one of those 11 would deny Him three times.
4. Jesus said to them that Satan was at work against them all.]
5. Jesus told them that He was going away.
6. Jesus told them that He would die!

*THEN HE SAYS TO THEM THESE WORDS...LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED!

I. THE FEAR THAT IS SURE

There is no doubt that the revelations that Jesus made to His disciples caused anxiety in their hearts. **THEY WERE SHOCKED...STUNNED...SHAKEN!**

A. A Heart that is Troubled

Jesus knew that what He had revealed to them has caused their hearts to be troubled. The word trouble in this verse means to be stirred, to be uncertain, disturbed, agitated, perplexed, worried, tossed about, confused, distressed.

<>< There is no doubt in this congregation this morning there are people with a trouble heart. Something has happened in your life in days gone by that has shocked you...stunned you...shaken you. You can identify today to some degree with the disciples of the Lord as He revealed to them these facts.

B. A Hope that is Torn

The disciples had great expectation that Jesus would set up His kingdom and bring Israel back to the glory of her past. But now with these revelations the hope that they had is torn into pieces.

<>< I am speaking to people in this congregation this morning that sit in these pews with a torn hope. Something has happened in your life in days gone by that has literally torn your hopes and dreams to shreds.

***IT IS TO THIS GROUP OF SHOCKED...SHAKENED...STUNNED MEN, MEN WHOSE HEARTS ARE TROUBLED AND HOPE IS TORN THAT JESUS SPEAKS THESE WORDS...LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLE!**

- Being a Christian this morning does not exempt us from feeling the weight of sorrow like anyone else.
- But being a Christian does enable us to find peace in the midst of it. THERE IS A PLACE OF SWEET PEACE AND REST NEAR TO THE HEART OF GOD IN THE MIDST OF IT ALL!
- Being a Christian does not mean that we will never encounter the storms of life.
- But being a Christian does mean that we are given strength in the midst of them.
- Being a Christian does not mean that we will understand everything that we encounter.
- But being a Christian does mean that we know that we have a God who loves us...who is righteous, just, and fair. We have a God that will give us unlimited grace in the mist of all of life's calamities!

***Jesus gives His disciples six wonderful assurances in this chapter to cure their trouble heart.**

1. Future...vs. 2-6
2. Father...vs. 7-11

3. Prayer...vs. 12-15
4. Holy Spirit...vs. 16-18
5. God's Love...vs. 19-24
6. Peace...vs. 25-31

***The world finds peace from their resources. The Christian finds peace through their relationship with the Savior!**

*All of these are built upon the phrase that closes verse 1...YE BELIEVE IN GOD; BELIEVE ALSO IN ME! FOR...

...THE CURE FOR A TROUBLED HEART IS FOUND IN...

II. A FAITH THAT IS SETTLED

A. The Command

Believe on God, and believe on me."

The Saviour told them that their consolation was to be found at this time in confidence in God and in Him.

- *Believe in.* Put confidence in; rely on for support and consolation.

B. The Conclusion

When John says believe in, he literally is saying believe into. This faith is not inactive, not passive; it is to believe into or to believe upon or to believe in. It is an active faith which in essence is TRUST!

*ILL...How many of you believe this morning that your car will take you home after service? How do you get home? BY JUST BELIEVING IT?

...Brother _____ do you believe your car will take you home after church today? YES! You heard him I have _____ witnesses. But what if after church this morning on your way home you see Brother _____ walking down the road. Did he really believe that his car would take him home after service? NO! By just saying he believes is not

enough...he must believe in it so much that he commits himself to that car. He goes out and gets ***into*** it after service and trusts it to take him home.

C. The Commentary

This morning we have the privilege to look back at what the disciples were experiencing and learn from it. JESUS SAID TRUST ME...BELIEVE IN ME...HAVE CONFIDENCE IN ME.

- The next day He died at the cross.

...Listen to His words...trust me, believe in me, have confidence in me

- That afternoon He is buried in a tomb.

.....Listen to His words...trust me, believe in me, have confidence in me

- The night is long for his disciples.

.....Listen to His words...trust me, believe in me, have confidence in me

- The next day and night are hard for the disciples.

.....Listen to His words...trust me, believe in me, have confidence in me

- BUT OH! JOY COMES IN THE MORNING! JESUS HAS RISEN FROM THE GRAVE!
- FOR 40 DAYS THEY ENJOY THE POST RESURRECTION MINISTRY OF THE SAVIOR.
- THEN FROM THE MOUNT OF OLIVES AT HIS ASCENSION HE LEAVES THEM THIS PROMISE THAT HE GAVE THEM IN JOHN 14...AS YOU HAVE SEEN ME GO I WILL COME AGAIN!

<>< This morning there is people in these pews with troubled hearts...

1. Some are unsaved!

Dear friend come this morning and receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior!

2. Some are saved but troubled!

Listen to the words of the Savior...believe in God; believe also in ME! A SETTLED FAITH IS THE CURE FOR A TROUBLED HEART!