

“In My Father’s House” (January 20, 2013)

Core Value: “We receive our identity from the Father, living in the settled confidence that we are much-loved children, accepted in the Beloved.”

JOHN 14:1-3

1. THE PLACE

(v. 1) Our hearts were never intended to live in a “troubled” place (*inward turmoil; moved to and fro; unsettled; assailed by fear & dread*)

Instead, we were made to live in the place of “trust”—*deeply settled in a place of confident faith; fully persuaded; constant reliance.*

(v. 2) “A place”- *Lit.- a prepared spot for you—filled with opportunity*

(v. 3) This place? “Where I am” (*NOT “where I will be*)

Where is Jesus? “I am in the Father” (v. 10) (i.e., “This is how I live My life”)

His “place”? (John 1:18)- In the “bosom of the Father” (Lit.- “in front of and between the arms of”) (NOTE: In Deut. 33:12, Benjamin will “dwell between the shoulders” of the Lord. There he will be “covered”—incased, protected) He lived in constant awareness that His Father loved Him.

2. THE WAY

JOHN 14:6- Jesus is the way and the Father is the destination.

Derek Prince: “The problem with much of the church today is that we have become stuck on the way. We have come to Jesus, but we haven’t gone on to an intimate relationship with the Father.”

**(v. 7) “know”- *well acquainted with; intimate knowledge of*
“see”- *discern; attentive to; experience***

(NOTE: These two words speak of an extremely close relationship)

Augustine: “If the written Word of the Bible could be changed into a single word and become one single voice—this voice more powerful than the roaring of the sea would cry out: ‘The Father loves you!’”

We can even substitute knowing the Bible for knowing the Father.

This is not a new issue. Jesus said to the Pharisees: “You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.” (John 5:39-40)

3. THE INITIATIVE

“Come to”- speaks of two people arriving at the same destination—with One of them initiating the move

NOTE: every time Jesus invites us to draw near—He uses this word.

EPHESIANS 1:3-6 The Message- Father took the initiative.

(James Jordan: *At the heart of the Gospel is the cry of a Father who lost His sons and His daughters, saying: “I want My kids back!”*)

“Predestined”- *anything but an “afterthought”; that which has been decreed from eternity; sheer determination (also “to specify”—deeply personal)*

“Pleasure”- *sheer delight*

4. THE AWAKENING

THE ROOT OF REVIVAL is: “Awakening to the heart of God—receiving His great love—experiencing His great power.”

- **Encountering Jesus—as Savior & Shepherd & Lord**
- **Being baptized in the Holy Spirit—as our spirit erupts in a revelation this amazing Person**
- **Experiencing the Father—as He becomes real to our spirit—entering into the continuous experience of Him loving us!**

Creation longs for the appearance of such sons and daughters on the earth—who are no longer orphans! Who are true “sons”—fully accepted & fully receiving their inheritance (Romans 8:19)!

- **Jesus- “My Beloved son”**
- **Satan- “IF you are the son...” (Notice: no “beloved”; lies to keep us from living loved)**

RESPONSE:

Many resist receiving Him as “Father” (*lacking close relationship with earthly father...or absentee fathers...or abusive ones*)

TRUTH IS—you’ve always had a Father...whose love surpasses even the best dad on the planet!!!