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A PROMISE FROM HEAVEN

INT: In a moment read you a promise from Heaven:

FIRST: A view of the events just ahead. ^{To Follow!} Seven.

1. Christ's agony in the garden.
2. Judas' betrayal in the garden.
3. Jewish arrest in the garden. As a criminal.
4. Apostles abandonment of Jesus.
5. Peter's 3 denials of his Lord.
6. False charges and Roman conviction.
7. The Crucifixion. Shame and disgrace!

QUESTION: How could Jesus make the following:

I. A WARM, GENEROUS & LOVING PROMISE FROM HEAVEN.

* John 14:1-6. Note 6 things. *SAYS "YOU" 9 TIMES.*

A. LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED. V. 1.

1. He saying: All will come out allright. *In Matt. 28:20, Mark 13:5*
2. Tells us: Let not YOUR heart be troubled:
 - a. Who is without some burden on his heart?
 - A lost soul: Neighbors. LFR contacts.
 - A death in family. Gilbert. Bransom. Cannon. Blackburn. Brunner. Lane, etc.
 - A serious illness. Prices. Lamberts. Randalls. Kents. Thorn. Brantley. Smelscher. Etc.
 - A major disappointment, regret or Fear. *DEEP*
 - Troubled by injured pride. Romance...
 - A serious alienation.
 - Ill. Beedeville, Ark. Family across street from building. Whole church is sad & cannot find out the cause. ?
3. Question: Where any comfort in any of this?
4. Answer: *Revelation 21:4. *2. What things ahead!* Passing problems!

B. YOU BELIEVE IN GOD. V. 1. *3. TEMPORARY!!*

1. How know? Fruit test: Matt. 7:20.
Matt. 22:37. I John 5:3. John 15:8.
HAVE YOU OBEYED GOD? *Then believe!*
WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR GOD? *Then believe!*

C. BELIEVE ALSO IN ME. V. 1.

1. Peter, Andrew, James & John believed AND left their nets---followed Jesus. *Fishing! Changed!*
2. Matthew believed, and left his job at the customs office. Zacchaeus willing!!
3. How know when believe? Mk. 16:15. *DO!!! 16.*
Matt. 16:24-26. Denying? Cross-bearing?

D. IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY ROOMS. 2.

1. Earth is not your eventual home! So, where going from HERE?
2. What are my CHOICES? Matt. 25:46.
3. Jesus offers the incomprehensible home of rest, peace, comfort & joy!!
*Rev. 21: 7, 10-11, 21, 27.

QUESTION: What price willing to pay to go to God's eternal land of Rest and Peace????

E. I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU. 3. *any!*

1. What is Jesus doing in Heaven today?
 - a. Relaying your prayer requests. J. 16:24.
 - b. Confessing the faithful to the Father. Matt. 10:32.
 - c. Keeping the records straight. Rev. 20:12.
- He's on our side. Helping us every way He can!

F. I WILL COME AGAIN. 3. I go. I come. I receive.

1. This is when all our PROBLEMS will vanish.
2. This is when all our Fears will fade away.
3. This is when all our Burdens will be gone.
4. This is when all the righteous will rejoice with a JOY UNSPEAKABLE AND FULL OF GLORY.
5. This is when the ETERNAL part of our life will begin.

INV. V. 4. Says His Apostles knew the way and WE can know the way to the Father.

Ill WHEN A YOUNG CHILD COMES ASKING FOR BAPTISM WE ASK CERTAIN THINGS:

1. What do you believe? Jesus is Son of God!
2. What sins have you that need repenting of? Acts 2:38. Acts 17:30. Must understand sin.
3. Are you willing to confess Jesus publicly?
4. Why do you want to be baptized? *M. 10:33.*
Mk. 16:15-16. Acts 22:16. I Pet. 3:21.

WHEN THEY UNDERSTAND JESUS' PROMISES AND HIS CONDITIONS FOR SALVATION we are delighted to assist them in their obedience

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Ill Commend you to the attitude of a young son on the farm. One night asked his father,

"Daddy, is your soul insured?" Father asked why he mentioned the subject. "I heard that Ins. feller say the house was insured, the car, the tractors and the barn & the cattle; told momma he sure wished you'd give more thought to your SOUL-INSURANCE!!!" *GET SOME!*