



## DEVOTIONAL 3

### DO NOT BE AFRAID: IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY ROOMS

#### GREETINGS

May the Lord bless you all, my brethren. Let's pray to the Lord:

#### PRAYER

O my God, we place this precious morning into your hands.  
Father, look upon Your Church,  
Lord, strengthen her  
Fill her with Your Holy Spirit  
Sustain her with Your Word,  
Your Word of Eternity  
With Your glorious gospel,  
Hallelujah!

#### PRAISE/WORSHIP

My Brethren, I invite you to praise the King of Glory with liberty, with the worship song "You are my all."

#### BIBLE READING

I want you to open your bibles in the book of John 14:1-3 (NASB):

<sup>1</sup> "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.

<sup>2</sup> In My Father's house are many rooms; if *that* were not so, I would have told you, because I am going *there* to prepare a place for you.

<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am, *there* you also will be.

#### TEACHING

The name of this devotional is "Do Not Be Afraid: In My Father's House are Many Rooms."



This passage, John 14:1-3, is the beginning of the powerful preaching that the Lord Jesus Christ gave in the Upper Room when He took the Last Supper with His disciples. This message was for the Early Church and also for the End-Time Church before the coming of the Lord in the Rapture.

The Lord begins by saying, "Do not let your heart be troubled"; "Do not be afraid," says the Lord, "Do not be afraid, My Church." And why does the Lord tell us not to be afraid, not to let our hearts be troubled?

In this powerful passage, we read there are six reasons why the holy Church, without spot and wrinkle, must not fear, not be troubled in her heart:

- (1) The first reason the holy Church must not fear is that we have faith, for we believe in the Lord, in God the Father, in God the Son, and in God the Spirit. The Lord said in John chapter 14 verse 1 (NASB), "... believe in God, believe also in Me."

When we have faith in God, the biblical faith, the faith in Christ's redemptive work, the faith in His Word, and the faith in His eternal promises, we are not afraid, and our heart is not troubled. And this faith is the certainty of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1); and what we hope for and what we do not see is the eternal inheritance that awaits us, and that has been given to us through the New Covenant in the blood of Christ who came to confirm all eternal promises. By this faith, we stand firm and hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering (Hebrews 10:23).

- (2) The second reason we must not fear is that there are many rooms in our heavenly Father's house.

There are dwelling places for all His Church, for each of the children of God, and for those of us who form the holy body of Jesus Christ. The Almighty God has an infinite house because He is infinite, He is omnipresent, He is eternal, He is the High and Exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy (Isaiah 57:15).

- (3) The third reason our hearts must not be troubled is that the Lord Jesus Christ Himself has told us that these dwelling places of the Father exist; they are real.

In John 14 verse 2 (NASB), the Lord said, "if that were not so, I would have told you." Why does the Lord say this? He says this for the strength of the faith of His Church. The God of Glory Himself, the Faithful and True, is the One who tells us that His dwellings are real. Right



now, the devil is reproaching the eternal dwelling places by saying to the Church that this Earth is her dwelling place, and he also says to her not to yearn to go to the New Jerusalem.

- (4) The fourth reason why we must not fear is that the Lord Jesus Christ Himself went to prepare a place for us in the Father's house. He went to prepare the dwellings where we will live forever by His side, in the joy of His presence. In John 14:2 (NASB), He said, "I am going there to prepare a place for you."

Who are we that the King of Glory PREPARES the place where He is going to bring us? It is not only about the dwellings, which are many but also about how the Lord Jesus Christ Himself went to prepare those dwellings for us. If God Himself prepares the place for us, how much more must the Church be prepared? How much more must the Church be adorned with holiness, the Word of God, and love and fervent longing for His coming? Jesus prepares the dwelling for us because He loves His Church, His bride.

- (5) The fifth reason why our hearts must not be troubled is that the Lord Jesus Christ promised that when the dwellings were ready, He would come again; that is, He would come for us to take us to the New Jerusalem. John 14:3 (NASB) says, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will take you to Myself..."

What a powerful promise! "I am coming again," said the Lord; it is the promise of the Rapture of the Church who is prepared, the holy Church, without spot and without wrinkle, the one who has prepared her lamps like a pure virgin, because she will soon hear the cry: "Behold, the bridegroom is coming!" (Matthew 25:6). The Lord promised that He would come when the dwelling place was ready. Indeed, the dwelling place is already prepared because the Lord Himself said that He would knock on His Church when He was at the door, and He is already knocking on her (Revelation 3:20).

- (6) The sixth and final reason we must not fear is that the Lord will bring us to where He is. He will take us to live in the New Jerusalem, the Heavenly City, the Father's house.

John 14:3 (NASB) says, "... so that where I am, there you also will be." We will be in the Father's house very soon; Jesus will come and receive us to Himself, and He Himself will take us to the New Jerusalem. The Almighty God will come down from the Third Heaven into the clouds, resurrect those who died with faith in Him, and glorify us so that we can come up into His presence.



## **TIME OF THINKING**

The Lord says to you this morning, do not be afraid, do not be afraid today; if you have born again, let not your heart be troubled; if you live in holiness, do not be afraid, says your King; if you are the Church that has her lamp burning and you are waiting for the Lord Jesus Christ with all your heart because you love His coming, do not let your heart be troubled, says your beloved Jesus; if you are no longer in the world and you are not of the world, do not be afraid, says your Lord and Saviour, for He Himself prayed for you at the end of the powerful preaching of the Upper Room when He said in John 17 verse 24:

<sup>24</sup> "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

## **PRAYER**

My brethren, let us pray:

Father, I thank you, Lord.

Thank you for the lives of my brethren.

Lord, keep them in Your Word.

Lord, sanctify them more and more every day

Oh, may the fire of Your Holy Spirit embrace them.

O Lord, may the fire of Your Holy Spirit minister to them at all times

Lord, may that fire sustain them while You come, O King.

The time is already running out,

The love of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is in our lives

O Lord, and that our love for You be greater every day

And we can feel Your closeness in the Spirit, Lord.

We thank You and bless You this morning

And we bless our brethren

In the mighty name of Jesus, amen, amen.

Remain blameless, keep sanctifying Yourself, and watch and wait for Christ with faith, fire, and love. The Lord is coming soon. Maranatha!