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HEART TROUBLE RELIEVED

John 14:1-11

INTRO: Jesus knows that He will soon be betrayed, beaten, and crucified. In a matter of hours He will taste the dregs of sin for His people. What is it that occupies His mind, the mind of the Savior. "The heart trouble of His beloved disciples occupies His loving heart. Another one might have sought comfort; He seeks none, but instead comforts" (Gaebelein 263).

Many thoughts troubled the hearts of the disciples:

- a. Hearts troubled because Jesus was going to die soon (13:33a). Death is troubling and we need comfort.
- b. Hearts troubled because of trials (13:33b). The disciples would not be going with Him when He left. We too have trials, daily trials and we need comfort.
- c. Hearts troubled because of what Jesus said concerning Peter's denial (Vs. 38). We make mistakes and often slip and we need comfort.

I. Vss. 1-3, Comforting Words For Troubled Hearts

A. Vs. 1, Although Jesus is speaking to the eleven His words are aimed at each individual. He did not say, "Let not your hearts be troubled..." He Said "Let not your heart be troubled..." His comfort is for each person, for each need.

1. These words have been called "the great anaesthetic of our great Physician" (Gaebelein 263). For our sorrows, for our pain, for our heart troubles the Physician gives an anaesthetic.
2. "Ye believe in God, believe also in me." There is something very important in these words, it is found in the Greek verbs, the verbs are present imperatives meaning, "Keep on believing in God... keep on believing in me."
 - a. God had told them by way of the Old Testament prophets what was going to happen. They had been told of the sufferings of Christ for sinners, of His sacrifice (Psa. 22; Isa. 53:3-6).
 - b. Believe in God, He is in control and works all things together for our good.

B. Vs. 2, The Father's house is the home of the Lord Jesus Christ, this is where Jesus went at the ascension.

1. The Father's house:
 - a. It is home, the home of the children of God. Wherever God the Father and Son are is home.
 - b. It is a place where we will be welcome.
 - c. It is a place of rest and peace: a place where trials and tribulations

are forgotten.

d. It is a place for reunions.

e. We do not go to the Father's house because of any merit or worthiness of our own. We go to the Father's house because of what Christ did for us.

2. "Are many mansions."

a. These are beautiful and large places for the children of God to abide, these are mansions or palaces.

b. These are not tenant however, these mansions are not live government housing.

c. Greenwood Leflore lived at Mal-Maison, the French word maison means mansion.

3. "If it were not so I would have told you." If there had been no room for the believers in the heavenly home, He would have told them.

a. Jesus came to a place where there was no room for Him, that He might make room for us.

b. He became poor so that you and I might be rich.

4. "I go to prepare a place for you." Jesus has prepared a place for us and we are preparing for the place.

a. Christ has prepared a place for us by entering into heaven as the victorious Savior. Men are brought into heaven because of Jesus.

b. Through the ministry of the church believers are being prepared for eternity.

C. Vs. 3, Jesus did so into heaven and He is coming again to receive us unto Himself.

1. He will not send a substitute, He is coming in person for us, He is coming to take us home, home to the Father's house (I Thess. 4:13-17).

2. "And receive you unto myself..."

a. Not take, but "receive". The Lord Jesus will be waiting for us in the clouds and He will with great hospitality receive us!

b. "That where I am..." He wants us with Him. He needs us on earth, now as His witnesses and ambassadors. One day His desire will be realized for us - home with Him.

II. Vss. 4-7, Jesus Revealed as The Way To The Father

A. Vs. 4, By "The way" Jesus is saying "You know me and I am the way."

1. "The way" is the means by which the disciples are ushered into the Father's presence.

2. Jesus had pointed out the fact that He is "the way" earlier (10:7,9,12:44).

B. Vs. 5, Thomas said what the others were thinking.

1. Jesus had just told them about the Father's house, had they

misunderstood?

2. Had they thought He was leaving for another place on earth? How would they get there? It was a fog to them.

C. Vs. 6, This verse contains one of the seven "I am's."

1. "I am the way." Not a way but the way.
 - a. He not only shows the way, guides us in the way, and teacher the way, He is the way.
 - b. There is no other way to God. The sinner can only come to God by the way, Jesus is the way.
 - c. He came to us when we could not come to Him.
2. "I am the Truth." Not a truth but the truth.
 - a. Truth is found in the person of Jesus Christ.
 - b. Truth is not a system, a science, or a philosophy. Truth is a person (Col. 2:3).
3. "I am the life."
 - a. Christ is the life for He has life within Himself (John 5:26).
 - b. He is the source of life and giver of life for His people (6:33; 10:28).
4. "No man cometh unto the Father but by me." Without Christ no one can be saved, no one can come to the Father (Acts 4:12).

D. Vs. 7, The way to understand this verse is by looking back at verse 6. Thomas had seen the way with his physical and spiritual eyes.

III. Vss. 8-11, Christ's Reproof of Philip

A. Vs. 8, Philip is here asking for a theophany, a visible manifestation of God the Father's glory. He was not denying God the Father, he wished to see Him with the physical eye.

B. Vs. 9, Jesus is asking Philip whether or not he has recognized who He is. You see, Jesus is God.

1. He is God in the flesh (1:14).
2. Philip had seen who he had asked to see.

C. Vs. 10, Christ was in the Father and the Father in Him this is perfect union. His words are the works of the Father.

D. Vs. 11, Jesus knows that the disciples are going to face difficult times. He urges them to have faith, to believe, to keep believing that He and the Father are one. He urges them to think back on His ministry and keep on believing.

CONCLUSION: In all our trials we need to keep the faith, to go on believing and serving.