

The Blessings of Loving God: Part 2
Fellowship With God
John 14:22-24

22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" 23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. NKJV

These disciples have been with Jesus for over three years. And now He is telling them that He is going away and that they cannot go with Him.

Sadness has filled them for of all the things in life they want to be with Jesus. They want to hear and understand Him. They want to experience the glorious presence of Jesus. But Jesus tells them that even though He is going away, that He will still be with them. That through this one whom Jesus calls the comforter He will continue with Him.

- I. We will come to him
 - A. with the manifestation of pardon,
 - B. peace of conscience,
 - C. and joy in the Holy Spirit.
 - D. It means that God will manifest himself to the soul as a Father and Friend;
 - E. that Jesus will manifest himself as a Saviour;
 1. that is, that there will be shed abroad in the heart just views and proper feelings toward God and Christ.
- II. The Christian will rejoice in the perfections of God and of Christ,
 - A. and will delight to contemplate the glories of a present Saviour.
- III. The condition of a sinner is represented as one who has gone astray from God, and from whom God has withdrawn.
 - A. Psalm 58:3 (NKJV) 3 The wicked are estranged from the womb; They go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.
 - B. Proverbs 28:10 (NKJV) 10 Whoever causes the upright to go astray in an evil way, He himself will fall into his own pit; But the blameless will inherit good.
 - C. Ezekiel 14:11 (NKJV) 11 that the house of Israel may no longer stray from Me, nor be profaned anymore with all their transgressions, but that they may be My people and I may be their God," says the Lord GOD.' "
- IV. He is alienated from God.

- A. Ephesians 2:12 (NKJV) 12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
 - B. Isaiah 1:4 (NKJV) 4 Alas, sinful nation, A people laden with iniquity, A brood of evildoers, Children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the LORD, They have provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel, They have turned away backward.
 - C. Ephesians 4:18 (NKJV) 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;
 - D. Colossians 1:21 (NKJV) 21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled
- V. Religion is represented as God returning to the soul, and manifesting himself as reconciled through Jesus Christ
- A. 2 Corinthians 5:18 (NKJV) 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,
 - B. Colossians 1:21 (NKJV) 21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled
- VI. Make our abode
- A. This is a figurative expression implying that God and Christ would manifest themselves
 - 1. in no temporary way,
 - 2. but that it would be the privilege of Christians to enjoy their presence continually.
 - B. They would take up their residence in the heart as their dwelling-place, as a temple fit for their abode.
 - 1. 1 Cor 3:16: "Ye are the temple of God;"
 - 2. 1 Cor 6:19: "Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost;"
 - 3. 2 Cor 6:16: "Ye are the temple of the living God."