

Jesus Promises Another Helper

John 14:15-24

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19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. 20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

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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.

Do not forget where we are here in Jesus life. Jesus has told the disciples that He is going to go to the Father but they will continue the work that He has been doing and will even do greater works, because He is going to the Father.

But now He introduces something a little different. He begins to tell them that one of the benefits of Him leaving is that He will send them the Holy Spirit. There are several passages further on in John that deal with this so we will see it again.

Here is the way we need to think about this. He has told them He is leaving. They have become disturbed and are wondering about all that He has said, what will happen to them and where the work will go now. He told them that they will continue the work. But can't you read their minds. They are not saying, OK we can do that. They are saying, "We cannot do that." So He wants them to know that they will not have to do it alone. As a matter of fact they will simply be the instruments that the Holy Spirit will use to continue on with the work of God.

Now like I said last week, I am sure they haven't got that all yet. They will figure it out later, but for right now they are sort of in a daze. So let us look at this passage this morning.

I. Love and Obedience

- A. *If you love Me, keep My commandments.*
- B. These promises are primarily for the apostles.
 - 1. They were the ones in crisis now and needed to be encouraged.
- C. There is a secondary application of some of these things to us today.
 - 1. Especially that the every believer has the Holy Spirit living in them.

2. And it is the Holy Spirit that guides us.
 3. It is the Holy Spirit that teaches us.
 4. It is the Holy Spirit that directs us.
 5. It is the Holy Spirit that convicts us when we do something wrong.
 6. So for the believer today, it is the Holy Spirit that keeps us.
- D. But how to identify the believer.
1. They are the ones who love Jesus and keep His sayings.
 2. They are real not pretended followers of Jesus.
- II. The Promised Helper
- A. In answer to Jesus prayer. *And I will pray the Father*
1. Jesus was sent by the Father.
 2. The Holy Spirit was sent by Jesus.
- B. He is a helper like Jesus. *He will give you another Helper*
1. This word has been variously translated, as Comforter, Councilor, Advocate, Helper.
 2. The Amplified Version John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever — AMP
 3. Part of the key to appreciating what Jesus is saying is that He uses the word *allos* (*another*) to tell us that the Spirit will be just like Him only without a bodily form.
- C. Who, unlike Jesus will be able to remain with them forever. *He may abide with you forever*
1. This means that He will not leave them personally and that He will never leave any Christian.
 2. This is so important because in the OT sometimes God would remove His Spirit from those who would sin.
 - a. Saul is the best example of this/.
 - b. But others like Sampson and other Judges only received that special power of the Holy Spirit only when needed.
- D. He is called the Spirit of truth. *the Spirit of truth*
1. John talks about this in his epistle.

2. 1 John 4:6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.
3. The problem we have today is that many Christian thing that all things spiritual are from the Holy Spirit when that is not true.
4. The Holy Spirit will never lead contrary to the Word that He Himself inspired.
5. He will always being glory to Jesus and not to Himself.
6. John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

E. Only real believers receive Him. whom the world cannot receive

1. The world does not see or know Him. *because it neither sees Him nor knows Him*
 - a. 1 Cor. 2:14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.
 - b. Matthew 13:11 He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.
 - c. Matthew 13:13 "Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14 "And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; 15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.' 16 "But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; 17 "for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.
2. He is only for believers. *but you know Him*

F. He is vitally connected to the believer. *He dwells with you and will be in you*

III. He is not abandoning them.

A. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you

1. The KJV says comfortless, but the Greek word is the word from which our word orphans comes.
 2. He is not letting the loose to face the ministry all alone.
 3. He will come to them in the person of the Holy Spirit.
 - a. In the same way that Jesus said that those who had seen Him had seen the Father.
 - b. So those who would receive the Holy Spirit could say that Christ was living in them.
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IV. God's Secrets

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