

## Departing Gifts John 14:25-31

25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. 28 You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. 30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. 31 But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here. (NKJV)

### I. These Things - All Things

- A. "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.
- B. Jesus had spoken to them some very great teachings.
  - 1. At that time though, His words were limited to where he was.
  - 2. You had to actually be there to have the benefit.
  - 3. And even then He spoke in parables and revealed the meanings of the parables only to the disciples.
- C. But the Holy Spirit would do more.
  - 1. He would teach them all things.
    - a. Even though they had learned great things, this was only the beginning.
    - b. Once the Holy Spirit comes they will have the divine teacher inside of them.
  - 2. He would bring all things to their remembrance.
    - a. They would not have to just depend on their fallible memories.
    - b. The Holy Spirit would guide them just He had guided the prophets of old.
    - c. Among those witnesses their was a unified testimony that would defy comprehension.
    - d. They were in complete agreement about the things that Jesus taught

and did.

3. We do not have the promise of infallibility as did those Apostles.
4. But we do have the promise that when the Spirit leads and teaches us that He will not lead us wrongly.
5. For us the question is, “Is the Holy Spirit leading us or is it our own spirit that is leading us.” That is what is so hard to determine.

II. Jesus promised them divine peace.

- A. 27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
  1. Have we ever seen a time when we have come closer to what Jesus said in, Lk 21:26 “men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth” (NKJV)
  2. We are pummeled with troubles in this life like a little boy is pummeled with rock by a group of bullies.
  3. But when the trials of life come to the Christian, the Holy Spirit gives us a peace that passes understanding.
  4. Php 4:7 (NKJV) and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

III. They could be assured of Jesus mission.

- A. 28 You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I.
  1. To return to the Father means that the plan of redemption was completed.
  2. For Him to return to the Father means that the sacrifice that He was going to give was sufficient to redeem them.
- B. Greater than I.
  1. Jesus laid aside His privileges of deity.
  2. Philippians 2:5 “Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.” RSV
  3. The Father could not be nailed to a cross.
  4. The Father could not be humiliated and shamed as Jesus would be.

5. But after His resurrection that which He had laid aside was taken back.
  6. John 17:5 "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.
- IV. They knew what was going to happen if they would but accept it.
- A. 29 And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.
- V. They could be sure that Satan had nothing on Jesus.
- A. 30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.
  - B. Satan had not been able to destroy Jesus from within as he does many people.
    1. There was the temptation recorded in Matt 4.
    2. There was the multitudes that would have made Him king in chapter 6.
    3. Unlike Satan, Jesus had no self centered pride but did all things for the glory of the Father.
  - C. Oh let the mind that was in Jesus be in us.
    1. Let us always seek the praise of our heavenly Father.
    2. Php 2:3 (NKJV) Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.
- VI. Jesus would finish the plan of the Father.
- A. 31 But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

Are you a part of that plan?

Do you have that mind that was in Jesus?

Do you always seek those things that please Him.