

The Promise of Peace

John 14:25-31 (Page 85 in the black Bibles)

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Introduction:

The dialog section of Jesus' "Farewell Discourse" is concluded in 14:25-31. We can see that chapter 14 is held together with verse 1, "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me." and verse 27, "...Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful."

We also see that there is a transition at the end of verse 31 where Jesus tells His disciples, "Get up, let us go from here." Chapter 15:1-16:15 Jesus continues His discourse but in the form of a monologue.

In chapter 13:31-14:31 Jesus has been teaching via a conversation with the disciples as they ask questions about what Jesus has said.

Peter's question in 13:36; Thomas' question in 14:5; Philip's question in 14:8; and Judas' (not Iscariot) question in 14:22.

Also, in the previous verses Jesus has introduced the truth of "another Helper...the Spirit of truth" and contrasts the experience of His followers with the experience of the "world".

The main point in 14:25-31 is the same throughout the previous sections. Jesus is preparing His disciples for life after He goes to the Father. He makes some amazing promises that are meant to comfort and He tells them beforehand what is going to take place so that their faith will be strengthened.

The Promise of the Holy Spirit (25-26)

²⁵"These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you.

Sent from the Father in Jesus' Name

²⁶"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in My name,

"another Helper...the Spirit of truth... (14:16-17)

Just as the Father sent the Son so also He sends the Spirit in Jesus name.

The Work of the Holy Spirit

He will teach you all things,

He will bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

Instances in John where the disciples understand what Jesus said after the resurrection: John 2:19-22 “destroy this temple”; John 7:37-39; 12:16; (see also Mark 9:9-10; Luke 24:25-27, 31-32, 44-47, 49).

John 16:12-15

2 Peter 1:19-21 (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

The Promise of Peace

²⁷“Peace I leave with you;

My peace I give to you;

“Peace”

(O.T.) Numbers 6:24-26; Isaiah 9:6-7; 26:3-4; 57:1-2, 20-21; (Jeremiah 6:13-15; Ezekiel 13:10, 16)

(N.T.) John 16:33; 20:19, 26; Romans 5:1; 14:17; 15:13, 33; 16:20;
1 Peter 1:2; 3:8ff, 5:14; Philippians 4:7 & 9; Galatians 5:22-23

not as the world gives do I give to you.

Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

John 14:1

Jesus' Impending Departure

²⁸“You heard that I said to you,
'I go away, and I will come to you.'”

John 14:2-3

Jesus reproves His disciples

If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.

John 16:5-71

John 17:1-5

Stronger Faith

²⁹“Now I have told you before it happens,
so that when it happens, you may believe.”

John 13:18-19

No Sin, No Condemnation

³⁰“I will not speak much more with you,

for the ruler of the world is coming,”

“The ruler of this world” - John 12:31; 13:2, 27; 16:11; 18:1-3

“He has nothing in Me”

1 Corinthians 15:56-57

Hebrews 4:14-16 “without sin”

Colossians 2:13-15

Jesus' Love for the Father Perfect Obedience

³¹but so that the world may know that I love the Father,

I do exactly as the Father commanded Me.

John 3:16; 4:34; 10:17-18; 12:49-50

Isaiah 53:10

Philippians 2:5-11

Application:

Jesus' departure means that:

Believers will receive the Holy Spirit (14:16-17)

The Father & the Son will make their abode with them (14:23)

They will have confidence in God's Word because the Holy Spirit guided and reminded the first disciples what Jesus had taught them (14:26)

They will be loved by the Father (14:21)

They will receive the peace that Jesus gives which is His peace (14:27)

The world (unbeliever) cannot receive the Spirit because it does not see Him or know Him (14:17)

The world will not see Jesus after His death (14:19)

The world may know and come to understand Jesus' love for the Father (and the Father's love for the world) in the cross of Christ John 3:16; 14:31)