

*For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little and there a little.*

Isaiah 28:10

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PRAYER STUDY #202

## **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN**

### **CHAPTER 14**

1. Jesus comforts His disciples and announces His coming for them.
2. Jesus and the Father are One.
3. New privilege in prayer
4. Promise of the Spirit's Indwelling
5. Christ's bequest of peace

#### **PART ONE-Verses 1-6**

1. **Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me.**
2. **In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.**
3. **And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself, that where I am, there ye may be also.**
4. **And where I go ye know, and the way ye know.**
5. Thomas saith unto Him, Lord, we know not where thou goest and how can we know the way.
6. Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me.**

Jesus is the Prince of Peace. A real testimony for Jesus will come in the days ahead when those who love Him walk in peace no matter what is going on in the world. We do indeed live in perilous times, and we will soon understand this much more than we probably want to understand. We must believe in the ultimate goodness of God.

The Jews believed that there would be different levels of blessings and different qualities of mansions based on how good and faithful we were on the earth. The Greek believers believed that there were different stages after death whereby people would have to go through stages of purification before they were pure enough to be in God's presence and thus earned their way to heaven based on how holy their lives were. Most modern Christians do not interpret these verses in this way. They believe that Jesus is simply saying that there are many abiding places or mansions in heaven and room for everyone who is a believer.

## **PART TWO-Verses 7-12**

7. **If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also; and from henceforth, ye know Him and have seen Him.**
8. Philip saith unto Him, Lord show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.
9. **Jesus saith unto him, Have I been such a long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father, and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?**
10. **Believest thou not that I am in the Father and the Father in Me? The words that I speak unto you, I speak not of Myself; but the Father that dwelleth in Me he doeth the works.**
11. **Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father is Me; or else believe Me for the very works' sake.**
12. **Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go to my Father.**

In Hebrews 1:3 AMP, the word tells us that Jesus, when He walked the earth, was the exact image of His Heavenly Father: *“He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine] and He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God’s] nature....”* In other words, Jesus did and said exactly what the Father would say and do.

## **PART THREE-Verses 13-14**

13. **And whatever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.**
14. **If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it.**

Until John 14, according to Andrew Murray, “the disciples had not asked in the Name of Christ, nor had He Himself ever used the expression...Here in His parting words, He repeats the word unceasingly in connection with those promises of unlimited meaning, *Whatsoever, Anything, What you will*, to teach them and us that His name is our only, but also our all sufficient plea. The power and the answer depend upon the right use of the name.”

In my own study, I have found that the Name of the Lord can be used by the sincere believer to bring so many blessings:

1. Lets joy come to the believer-Psalm 5:11, 33:21
2. Is the Lord’s defense against enemies-Psalm 20:1, 44:5
3. Give the Lord’s inheritance to the believer-Psalm 61:5
4. Causes us to dwell in Zion-Psalm 69:35-36
5. Purges us from our sin-Psalm 79:9
6. Brings deliverance-Psalm 79:9

7. Expedites an answer from the Lord-Psalm 99:6
8. Blesses those who come in His Name-Psalm 118:26a
9. Helps us keep His law-Psalm 119:55
- 10.Brings the Lord's Mercy-Psalm 119:135
- 11.Helps the believer in times of trouble-Psalm 124:8
- 12.Cast out demons-Mark 16:17

Two additional and remarkable verses about the Name are found in Malachi 3:16 and Psalm 138:2:

*Then they that feared the LORD spoke often one to another; and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord and that thought upon His name. Malachi 3:16*

*I will worship toward Thy holy temple and praise Thy name for Thy loving-kindness and for Thy truth; for Thou hast magnified Thy word about all thy name. Psalm 138:2*

This last verse is most remarkable because we know how powerful the Name is so the Word must be even greater. The Name includes those Jehovah Compound Names:

1. **Jehovah-Elohim:** The self-existent One, the eternal creator-Genesis 2:4-25
2. **Adonai-Jehovah:** The LORD, our Sovereign Master-Genesis 15:2,8
3. **Jehovah-Jireh:** The LORD, our Provider-Genesis 22:8-14
4. **Jehovah-Rapha:** The LORD, our Healer-Exodus 15:26
5. **Jehovah-Nissi:** The LORD, our Banner or Victor-Exodus 17:15
6. **Jehovah-McKaddesh:** The LORD, our Sanctifier-Leviticus 20:8
7. **Jehovah-Shalom:** The LORD, our Peace-Judges 6:24
8. **Jehovah-Tsidkenu:** The LORD, our Righteousness-Jeremiah 23:6
9. **Jehovah-Sabaoth:** The LORD of Hosts-1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 1:3
- 10.**Jehovah-Shammah:** The LORD, Ever Present-Ezekiel 48:35
- 11.**Jehovah-Rohi:** The LORD, my Shepherd-Psalm 23:1

Remember that, as these names were given to *physical* Israel in the Old Testament, New Testament believers-you and I-are *spiritual* Israel (see 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10, Ephesians 2:12, Galatians 6:16, etc.) , and ALL THAT JEHOVAH WAS TO THEM, JESUS IS TO US. In fact, the Jehovah of the Old Testament *is* the Jesus of the New.

#### **PART FOUR-Verses 15-26**

- 15.If ye love me, keep my commandments.
- 16.And I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever.

17. Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knowest Him, but ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you.
18. I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.
19. Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; but ye see Me. Because I live, ye shall live also.
20. At that day ye shall know that I am in My Father, and ye in Me and I in you.
21. He that hath My commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me; and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him and will manifest Myself to him.
22. Judas saith unto Him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that Thou wilt manifest Thyself unto us, and not unto the world?
23. Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love Me, he will keep my words; and My Father will love him, and make our abode with him.
24. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings, and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's who sent Me.
25. These things have I spoken unto you, being present with you.
26. But the Comforter, Who is the Holy Spirit, who the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said unto you.

Just as Jesus was the exact image of the Father, so the Holy Spirit, who is on the earth now, represents Jesus in every word. Jesus uses the word *paraklete* to describe the Holy Spirit as the *Comforter*. According to Rick Renner, the Greek scholar, this word means "someone who comes along side of you to encourage and support you...to speak to us, comfort us, console us, and give us instruction, counsel or advice." In addition, Renner tells us that the word comfortless in verse 18 is from the word *orphanos*, from which we get the word orphans. Renner paraphrases this verse, "I will not leave you behind like orphans who have been deserted by their parents nor will I desert you like an unfaithful teacher who walks out on his students and leaves them with no supervision or help."

The level of our response and obedience to Jesus is based on the love we have for Him. If we love Him, we will keep His commandments.

#### **PART FIVE-Verses 27-31**

27. Peace I leave you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
28. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye love Me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto My

- Father, for My Father is greater than I.
29. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.
30. Hereafter I will not talk much with you; for the prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me.
31. But that the world may know that I love the Father, and, as the Father gave Me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

There is a time coming soon when we will walk in peace in spite of what is going on in the world. We will have to hold on to scripture whether we can prove it or understand it, believing in the ultimate goodness of God.

The prince of this world is Satan. He had nothing in Jesus because Jesus never sinned. To the very end Jesus was obedient to the Father.

One of the words, according to Barclay, that describes Jesus is found in Hebrews 6:20: *Where the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.* The word is *prodromoi*, which is translated as *forerunner*. Barclay tells us, "Jesus is saying that He goes to heaven first to prepare our way so that we can follow in His footsteps to God. For the Christian the great news of this passage is that where heaven is, is where Jesus is."

## BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

Julia Ward Howe

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:  
His truth is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps  
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;  
His day is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His day is marching on.

I have read a fiery Gospel writ in burnished rows of steel:  
“As ye deal with My contemners, so with you My grace shall deal;  
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with His heel,  
Since God is marching on.”

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Since God is marching on.”

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:  
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
While God is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! While God is marching on.

He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,  
He is wisdom to the mighty, He is honor to the brave;  
So the world shall be His footstool, and the soul of wrong His slave,  
Our God is marching on!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Our God is marching on.