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I Have So Much More To Say

JOHN 14:25-31

Introduction

1. Have you ever taken a trip and left a list of things for a family member or close friend to take care of while you were gone.
 - a. Husbands tend to tell their wives physical and financial details (i.e., house, car, lawn, bills to expect, etc.)
 - b. Wives tend to focus on home and family (i.e., meals, chores, schedules).
2. We may ask a neighbor if they would keep an eye on the house and provide them contact information in the event of an emergency.
3. Knowing that He was about to leave them, Jesus, in the upper room was giving His disciples final pieces of information which He knew they would need.
4. Tonight, I would like for us to look at the last seven verses of the fourteenth chapter of John's gospel.
5. In these verses, Jesus speaks to the eleven about . . .
 - a. The coming of the Holy Spirit.
 - b. The peace He is leaving with them.
 - c. Their love for Him
 - d. The coming of the devil
 - e. His love for the Father
6. Let's spend our time together tonight learning more about what Jesus has done for us in order that we might be with Him.

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I. The Sending of the Helper

A. THE HOLY SPIRIT (v. 26)

1. Previously the “Paraclete” which , as we noticed last week is variously translated as our Comforter (KJV), Helper (NASB, NKJV), Counselor (RSV, NIV), Advocate (NRSV), was called the “Spirit of Truth” (v. 17).
2. Now Jesus calls Him the “Holy Spirit.”
3. This designation, “Holy Spirit,” which we find throughout the N.T., is not meant to draw attention to His power or greatness but to His character — He is *holy*.
4. Jesus indicated the Father would send the Holy Spirit in His (Jesus’) name (v. 26).
5. Just as Jesus came in His Father’s name (5:43; 10:25), as His Father’s emissary, the Holy Spirit now comes in Jesus’ name, as His emissary.

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B. HIS TASK (v. 26B)

“...He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you” (John 14:26b).

1. The Spirit will continue the work of Christ, but do so in His place.
2. His principle function will be that of teacher — He is to be the guide and teacher of the church.
3. “All things” is comprehensive, meaning “all that you need to know.”
4. He will bring back to the disciples’ memory all the things which Jesus had told them.
5. There are several things which John points out in his Gospel that the disciples did not understand at the time.
6. In their new situation after Jesus’ resurrection and ascension the Holy Spirit will help them not only to grasp its significance, but also what it meant.

a. (Following the driving out of the money-changers from the temple)

“Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?” But He was speaking of the temple of His body. So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.” (John 2:19–22, NASB95)

b. (Jesus’ coming into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey and the crowd’s response to Him.)

“These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.” (John 12:16, NASB95)

c. (After Peter and John came to the empty tomb and saw the face-cloth and the linen wrappings.)

“For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.” (John 20:9, NASB95)

7. The promise which Jesus makes here focuses on the Spirit’s role to the first generation of disciples, not to all subsequent Christians.
8. John includes this in His gospel to “explain to readers at the end of the first century how the first witnesses, the first disciples, came to an accurate and full understanding of the truth of Jesus Christ.” (D.A. Carson, *The Gospel of John*)

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II. Peace: A Precious Commodity

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.

Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful” (John 14:27)

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A. "NOT AS THE WORLD GIVES"

1. The world cannot give peace.
2. Earlier, in verse 17, Jesus said that the world cannot receive "the Spirit of truth . . . because it does not see Him or know Him."
2. The world is "the moral order in rebellion against God" and has Satan as its ruler (cf. John 14:30).
3. Instead of peace, the world gives us such things as anxiety, bitterness, fear, hatred, malice and selfishness.
4. Over 700 years earlier, through His prophet Jeremiah, God those prophets and priests in Jerusalem who, as He said were "greedy for gain," and then added . . .

"all practice deceit. They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. 'Peace, peace,' they say, when there is no peace. Are they ashamed of their loathsome conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush" (Jeremiah 6:13-15, NASB95).

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B. "MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU"

1. Through His own death, Jesus not only absorbs the sin of the world, He also gives His peace.
2. The Romans of Jesus' day had a phrase *pax Romana* ('Roman peace') which was won and maintained by the sword.
3. There were those among the Jews who believed this was the way God would bring peace to His people, through a victorious Messiah at the head of his army.
4. Instead, the peace which our Lord offers to us "was secured by an innocent man who suffered and died at the hands of the Romans, the Jews and ourselves as well.

5. Through Him, we have . . .
 - a. “peace with God” (Romans 5:1).
 - b. “the peace of God which guards our hearts and minds” (Philippians 4:7).
6. It is His peace which gives us composure in the midst of trouble and dissolves our fears.
7. This is why Jesus was able to say to the eleven, and to us as well, “Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful” (John 14:27b).

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III. A Failure To Rejoice

“You heard that I said to you, ‘I go away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I” (John 14:28).

A. AN INDICATION OF SELF-CENTEREDNESS

1. If the disciples truly loved Jesus, they would be glad that He is returning to His Father.
2. He is returning to . . .
 - a. The sphere where He belongs.
 - b. The glory He had with the Father before the world began (John 17:5).
 - c. The place where the Father’s undiminished glory shines brighter than the brightest star.
3. If they had loved Jesus, they would have understood that His departure to His own ‘home’ was His gain and would have rejoiced.
4. As it was, their grief was an indication of their own self-centeredness.
5. Just like those first disciples, you and I as Christians are often far more alert to our own griefs and sorrows than to the things which bring joy to our Lord.

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B. "THE FATHER IS GREATER THAN I"

1. In the beginning of John's gospel, he wrote, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God." (John 1:1-2, NASB95)
2. Earlier, in John 10:30, Jesus had said, "I and the Father are one."
3. Here, in John 14:11, Jesus said, "Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me."
4. What does Jesus now mean by the statement, "the Father is greater than I?"
5. As the apostle Paul points out in Philippians 2:7, Jesus, "although He existed in the form of God," He "emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, being made in the likeness of men."
6. The Father is greater than the Son in His incarnate state.
7. This is why, a little later on this same evening, He will pray, "Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was" (John 17:5).

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C. SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

1. Verses 26-28 are sandwiched between two verses in which Jesus says . . .
 - a. "These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you" (v. 25).
 - b. "Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe" (v. 29).
2. Jesus had foretold His death and resurrection many times:

"And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and

be killed, and after three days rise again. And He was stating the matter plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.” (Mark 8:31–32, NASB95)

“For He was teaching His disciples and telling them, “The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and when He has been killed, He will rise three days later.”” (Mark 9:31, NASB95)

3. When this came to pass, after the initial shock, they would be greatly strengthened in their faith.

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IV. The Coming One

“I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me” (John 14:30, NASB95).

A. THE RULER OF THE WORLD IS COMING

1. “The ruler of the world” of whom Jesus speaks is none other than Satan.
 - a. In 2 Corinthians 4:4, Paul refers to him as “the god of this world.”
 - b. In Ephesians 2:2, he calls him “the prince of the power of the air.”
 - c. In 1 John 5:19, the apostle John calls him “the evil one,” and says that “the whole world” lies in his power.
2. Here, Jesus says to His disciples “I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of this world is coming . . .”
3. Through Judas, Satan is moving his forces against Jesus.
4. Though the devil does not know it, he is about to be overthrown.

B. HE HAS NOTHING IN ME

1. Jesus statement “he has nothing in Me,” is another way of saying, “*he has no claim on me, 'he has nothing over me'.*”
2. The reason Satan has nothing over Jesus is because . . .
 - a. Jesus is not of this world (*John 8:23*).
“ . . . I am not of this world” (*John 8:23b*).
 - b. He has never sinned (*John 8:46*).
“Which of you convicts Me of sin?” (*John 8:46a*).
3. The only way that the devil could have a hold on Jesus is if there existed a justifiable charge against Jesus.
4. The devil sees Jesus’ death as his triumph.

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5. Instead, it is undeniable proof to the world, as Jesus puts it, “that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me” (*John 14:31*).

Conclusion

1. In this last verse of John 14, Jesus told His disciples why He must continue toward the cross?
“ . . . but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me” (*John 14:31, NASB95*).
2. Wouldn’t it be good if we as Christians could say the same thing about our own lives?
 - a. Imagine a Christian father asked by his daughter, “Daddy, why do we give money to missionaries?” and he responds, “Honey, it’s because the world must learn that we love the Father and we do exactly what He has commanded.”

- b. A boy whose mother has forgiven him numerous times in the same day, and he asks her why she is so patient and loving toward him. Because I want you to learn that I love the Father and I forgive because He has commanded me to do so.
- 3. There is so much that Jesus has left us, but the most important is that His love for His Father is such that He left His eternal throne in glory to come to this earth, live among us as a sinless individual and then die on our behalf so that we might have eternal life.
- 4. He has promised the Holy Spirit to us as our strength and guide.
- 5. He offers us peace which the word cannot comprehend.
- 6. Are you willing to come before our Father in humble obedience tonight and surrender your life to Him.
- 7. Will you turn from the sin in your life to the only One who can offer you true life?
- 8. Only He can wash away your sin. Why not obey Him tonight?