

Jesus Is In Heaven Preparing Our Home

John 14:1-3

Outline

1. Supernal Home (located in the sky; heavenly)

- A) Our Father's House
- B) Our Family's House
- C) Our Future House

2. Eternal Home

- A) Enjoy the Eternal Presence of Jesus
- B) Experience the Eternal Provision of Jesus

3. Personal Home

- A) Place of Many Mansions
- B) Place of My Mansion

- 1- I once read about an epitaph on a tombstone (over 100 years old) in an Indiana cemetery that reads:

*Pause Stranger, when you pass me by, As you are now, so once was I
As I am now, so you will be, So prepare for death and follow me.*

2. Someone came by, read the epitaph, and put these words underneath:

To follow you I'm not content, Until I know which way you went.

3. I want to testify this morning that I know where I am going when my life is over. I know that my name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life and that heaven is my eternal home and destination. On April 2, 1972 I got a passport to heaven and my journey has been booked.

4. **D.L. Moody** once said, "*Someday you will read in the papers that D. L. Moody of Northfield is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. At that moment I shall be more alive than I am now. I shall have gone higher, that is all-out of this old clay tenement into a house that is immortal, a body that sin cannot touch, that sin cannot taint, a body fashioned into His glorious body. I was born in the flesh in 1837; I was born of the Spirit in 1856. That which is born of the flesh may die; that which is born of the Spirit will live forever.*"

5. In the classic tale of *The Man Without A Country*, Philip Nolan, because he had cursed the name of his country, was sentenced to live aboard ship and never see his native land again or even hear its name or news about it. For 56 years he was on an endless journey from ship to ship and sea to sea, and was finally buried at sea. He was a "*man without a country.*"

6. The Bible says in Philippians 3:20, "For our conversation is in heaven." The word "conversation" means, "citizenship." Those that are saved are citizens of a heavenly country. As the songwriter said:

*This world's not my home, I'm just a passin' through;
My treasures are laid up, Somewhere beyond the blue.
The Angels beckon me, From heaven's open door:
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.*

7. I read about a Sunday school teacher that was teaching her class about Heaven. She was explaining to the children how beautiful and glorious heaven was going to be. When she finished she asked, "Class, how many of you want to go to heaven?" Everyone raised their hands but one little boy named Billy. The teacher asked, "Billy, don't you want to go to heaven?" He replied, "Teacher, I'd like to, but my mommy told me to come home right after church."

8. No one knows when, but one of these days we will give up this body of flesh and move into our heavenly home. What a blessed thought. What a stirring thought. What a comforting thought.

*There is coming a day, When no heartaches shall come,
No more clouds in the sky, No more tears to dim the eyes;
All is peace forever more, On that happy golden shore-
What a day, glorious day that will be!*

9. I think about a pastor who during the services would gather the children around him down front and take a few minutes to tell them a Bible story. One particular day he talked to them about heaven. When he was through, he asked, "Where do you want to go?" The little voices shouted out, "HEAVEN!" "And what must you be to get to heaven?" asked the pastor. One little boy shouted out, "DEAD!"

For those who know the Lord, there is a perfect place awaiting them. It is a place that at the present, Jesus is preparing for us. He said to His disciples in John 14:2, "*I go to prepare a place for you.*"

The word "prepare" in John 14 verses 2 and 3 means "to make ready, to provide." Early during His earthly life, He worked as a carpenter. He is still in the building business. He is building and preparing a place for all who know the Lord. It is a home that Jesus is preparing for His children. Let's look at this home Jesus is preparing: