

JOHN 14:28-31
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Read **John 14:27-31**

In **14:27** as we saw last week, there is :

THE **PROMISE OF PEACE 27**

But here is also, THE **COMMAND TO BE CALM 27**

THE **REVELATION OF THE RETURN –v. 28**

THE **INJUNCTION TO REJOICE** - v. **28**

THE **FOUNDATION OF FAITH – v. 29**

THE **CONSTRICTION OF CONVERSATION** v. **30** (note also: Christ's assertion on sinlessness in "**hath nothing in me.**")

And in v. 31, THE **EVIDENCE OF OBEDIENCE 31**

Php 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became **obedient unto death**, even the **death of the cross**.

ANN LANDERS, WHO RECEIVES OVER 10,000 LETTERS MONTHLY, SAYS THAT THE SINGLE MOST PREDOMINANT PROBLEM THAT PEOPLE WRITE TO HER ABOUT IS **FEAR** . People are afraid of losing their health, their wealth, and their loved ones. **People are afraid of life itself.** *Tan #1641.*

We are told that 90% of the "**chronic patients**" who Doctors see today, are suffering from **psychosomatic illnesses** which manifest themselves in very real health problems. Their trouble did not start with a cough or chest pain or hyperacidity, in **90% of these cases, the first symptom was FEAR!** *Tan #1642.*

PEOPLE SPEND THEIR LIVES IN FEAR!

"A STORY IS TOLD TO THE EFFECT THAT **NOEL COWARD** ONCE SENT **IDENTICAL NOTES TO TWENTY** OF THE MOST PROMINENT MEN IN LONDON. THE NOTE READ SIMPLY

"ALL IS DISCOVERED, ESCAPE WHILE YOU CAN!" - **ALL TWENTY ABRUPTLY LEFT TOWN!** *Tan #5723.*

Luke 21:25 And there shall be **signs in the sun**, and **in the moon**, and in the **stars**; and **upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity**; the sea and the waves roaring;

But, it will get worse.

Luke 21:26 **MEN'S HEARTS FAILING THEM FOR FEAR**, AND FOR LOOKING AFTER THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE COMING ON THE EARTH: FOR THE POWERS OF HEAVEN SHALL BE SHAKEN.

And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

WE LOOKED PREVIOUSLY AT THE **PROMISE OF PEACE** - NOW LETS PICK UP WITH THE **COMMAND TO BE CALM**.

Compare The commands in **v. 1** and in **v. 27-29**

LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED - YE BELIEVE . . .! **John 14:1**

THIS SECTION DEALS WITH "**PEACE/CALMNESS**" **BASED ON FUTURE HOPE**.

LIKEWISE, IN **14:27-29**. "**LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED, NEITHER LET IT BE AFRAID**", IS COUPLED WITH **EVENTS, THAT IN THEIR FRUITION, WILL LEAD TO THE ABILITY TO BELIEVE**. ERGO - THE **DEATH, RESURRECTION, AND SOON RETURN OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**.

CF. **JOHN 6:19-21**.

John 6:19 So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see **Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: AND THEY WERE AFRAID**. But he saith unto them, **It is I; BE NOT AFRAID**. Then they **willingly received Him into** the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.

MATT. 8:23 FF.

Matthew 8:24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, **WHY ARE YE FEARFUL, O YE OF LITTLE FAITH?** Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a **GREAT CALM**.

THE PEACE THAT JESUS HAS IS THE PEACE THAT JESUS IS. Even in the midst of the raging tempest, **he could sleep peacefully!** On the wind tossed seas that **seemed to separate** him from his disciples, he walked with ease, for the **prince of peace** is Lord over all. In the midst of his physical anguish **on the cross**, he cried out "**FATHER FORGIVE THEM.**"

WAS THERE NO PAIN for Jesus, WERE THERE NO MOMENTS OF DOUBT, WAS HIS LIFE ONE OF EASE - OF COURSE NOT! **BUT WAS THERE PEACE? YES!**

THIS IS THE **PEACE** THAT JESUS LEAVES TO US! IT IS **OUR LEGACY**.

- ✓ ARE THERE TIMES OF STORM IN **OUR LIVES?** YES!
- ✓ ARE THERE **TEMPESTS** THAT WOULD SEEK TO **SWAY US FROM OUR APPOINTED COURSE?**

WHEN WE LET JESUS ON BOARD - WE WILL FIND THAT WE AT LAST HAVE A TRUE COURSE AND THAT HE WILL ME OUR FAITHFUL HELMSMAN!

- ✓ **BUT ASK YOURSELF THIS** – **WHEN THEY TRUSTED JESUS** (CF. **JN. 6. WHERE THEY IMMEDIATELY WHERE THEY WERE GOING**.)

YOU WILL NEVER GET WHERE YOU ARE GOING UNTIL YOU HAVE "PEACE WITH GOD" AND THEN THE "PEACE OF GOD" ABIDING IN YOU. BUT WHEN JESUS COMES ON BOARD, WHETHER THERE ARE STORMS OR DOLDROMS, **PEACE IS BUT A WHISPER AWAY.**

"LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED, NEITHER LET IT BE AFRAID."

THE DISCIPLES WERE AT A CRITICAL TIME IN THEIR LIVES.

JESUS WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE THEM, AND THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO FOLLOW HIM.

- **THIS ONE WHO** HAD STILLED THE STORM,
- AND WALKED ON THE WATER,
- AND CAST THE DEMONS OUT OF THOSE POSSESSED,

- **THIS ONE WHO** HAD CLEANSED THE TEMPLE,
- AND FED THE 5,000
- AND COMFORTED THE BEREAVED
- AND HEALED THE AFFLICTED.

- **THIS ONE WHO** HAD BEEN THEIR **CONSTANT COMPANION,**
- THEIR **FRIEND** AND THEIR **TEACHER,**
- THEIR **COUNSELOR** AND **COMFORTER.**

THIS ONE WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE THEM ALONE. AND THEY WERE TROUBLED, 14:1, AND THEY WERE AFRAID, 14:27.

BUT THIS NEED NOT BE THE CASE! THERE IS MORE TO THE PLAN OF GOD THAN SIMPLY THAT HE SHALL "GO AWAY"

FOR, AS HE **AFFIRMED** IN **14:3**

John 14:3 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.

AND ALSO IN

John 14:28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, **I GO AWAY, AND COME AGAIN UNTO YOU.** If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

SOMETIMES, IN THE MIDST OF GREAT TRIAL, THERE IS GREAT JOY. THE RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT THE "**TROUBLES**" THAT COME OUR WAY ARE **NOT THERE BY CHANCE**, BUT RATHER WITHIN THE **PROVIDENTIAL CARE OF GOD**, WILL HELP US TO FACE THE HEARTBREAKS OF LIFE WITH CALMNESS AND IN FAITH RATHER THAN AS **TROUBLED AND FEARFUL.**

THROUGH TRUSTING IN JESUS, WE HAVE **THE PEACE OF GOD** THAT CHRIST GIVES US, THAT ENABLES US TO LIVE ABOVE TROUBLE AND FEAR!

THE **PSALMIST** PROCLAIMED:

56:3 "WHEN I AM AFRAID, I WILL TRUST IN THEE."

WHAT IS THERE TO BE AFRAID OF? SHOULD WE FEAR SICKNESS OR WEAPONS OR DISEASE ?

Ps. 91:5-6 "Thou shalt not be afraid for the **terror by night**, nor for the **arrow that flieth by day**." Nor for the **pestilence** that walketh in darkness, nor the **destruction** that wasteth at noonday."

SHALL WE FEAR MEN?

PS. 27:1"The Lord is my light and my salvation; **WHOM SHALL I FEAR?** The Lord is the strength of my life; **of whom shall I be AFRAID?**

56:11 In God have I put my trust. **I WILL NOT BE AFRAID OF WHAT MAN CAN DO UNTO ME.**

Luk 12:4 And I say unto you my friends, **Be not afraid** of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

12:5 But I will forewarn you **whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.**

12:6 Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?

12:7 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. **FEAR NOT THEREFORE: YE ARE OF MORE VALUE THAN MANY SPARROWS.**

FEAR NOT ! WHY ? YE ARE OF MORE VALUE THAN MANY SPARROWS.

"**Is. 41:10** "**FEAR NOT, FOR I AM WITH THEE.** be not dismayed; **for I am thy God.** I will strengthen thee; yea I will help thee; yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

FEAR NOT ! WHY ? FOR GOD IS WITH US!

Is. 12:2 "Behold God is my salvation; **I will trust, and not be afraid; FOR THE LORD, EVEN JEHOVAH, IS MY STRENGTH AND MY SONG.** He also is become my salvation.

FEAR NOT ! WHY ? FOR THE LORD, EVEN JEHOVAH, IS MY STRENGTH AND MY SONG.

"**WE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR BUT FEAR ITSELF**" **Franklin D Roosevelt, FIRST INAUGURAL ADDRESS.**

MEANING: when you are afraid of something, you should **confront your fear** and **deal with the thing you are afraid of.** If you avoid what you fear you will not make any progress and will remain stuck at that point until you pluck up the courage to **do what you fear.** Usually the **FEAR of something, is much worse than the actual event turns out to be.** *From Yahoo Answers.*

GOD'S WORD ASSURES US THAT EVEN "**FEAR**" SHALL NOT COME AGAINST US!

Prov. 3:25-26

"**BE NOT AFRAID OF SUDDEN FEAR**, neither of the desolation of the wicked when it cometh; For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken."

THEN LIFE IS GOING TO BE A BED OF ROSES? THINK AGAIN!

II Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the **spirit of fear**; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner:

but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Matthew 5:12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

"An officer in the Turkish war told his men that they need not be afraid, for, if they died in battle, they would that very day sup with Christ in Paradise. When the battle came, the officer fled. When asked why he did not wish to sup with Christ, he said he was fasting that day." Martin Luther "[Table Talk](#)" *Tan #1666*.

John 16:20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That YE SHALL WEEP AND LAMENT, BUT THE WORLD SHALL REJOICE: AND YE SHALL BE SORROWFUL, BUT YOUR SORROW SHALL BE TURNED INTO JOY.

John 16:22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

I Peter 4:13 . . . REJOICE, INASMUCH AS YE ARE PARTAKERS OF CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS; THAT, WHEN HIS GLORY SHALL BE REVEALED, YE MAY BE GLAD ALSO WITH EXCEEDING JOY.

Rom 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us? **32** He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is God that justifieth.*

34 Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is Christ that died*, yea rather, that is **risen again**, who is even at the **right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.**

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are **more than conquerors through him that loved us.**

38 For I am persuaded, that neither **death**, nor **life**, nor **angels**, nor **principalities**, nor **powers**, nor **things present**, nor **things to come**,

39 Nor **height**, nor **depth**, nor **any other creature**, shall be able to separate us from the **love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**