

for the lowly guard as the prophet Elijah when the man fell and he was picked up in the chariot of fire. But Jesus left his followers and stated that they should rejoice because one day he would conquer all of their enemies.

They loved him very much and their hearts would follow him wherever he would go and all Christians if they love him, their hearts will be with him who is sitting at the right hand of God.

When we have heard of the doctrine of Christ, especially the (second coming) we have need to be told again and again. When we are under the power of grief or fear we forget that Christ will come again. (Phil. 4:5.) Christ encouraged himself with this in his suffering and death that he should come again and that the same should comfort these disciples. I. Thes. 4:13. He was going back to the Father

and there should be rejoicing instead of mourning. For God's People of Every Age are longing to know the meaning of the night of this age - He has placed many lights on the hill. the Holy Land - Martha's Parable - She left a light in the window. these disciples should show that they love him by rejoicing the hope was not disappointed, one night his lover returned. in his exaltation. That he would come shortly.

This is a Parable - yet a little while - how short - The coming one will be here. Isa. 21:11-12

THE FRUITS OF CHRIST'S DEPARTURE

John 14:28 - 31

No parting words have ever been spoken which are more tender, more full of meaning than those which Jesus spoke when with his disciples. The disciples were in need of (cheer.) They had been told that he was to be crucified. Most distressing of all, he was about to go and they could not follow. Of course, he gives them relief in the first verses of this chapter. He tells them that he is going to his (father's house.) That he would prepare a welcome for them as his guests, and some day he would return to meet them. He gave assurance that he would send (a comforter) who would come and be with them and that in connection with this there would be peace. He tries to turn now to these sorrowing disciples and tell them that this should be a time of rejoicing. The prediction of his death caused them to be sad, but he (strengthened their faith) by telling them

the hour is at hand. He cast a glance backward over the one of our lives - in Korea said during one of his services previous words for he intended this to be a warning and he he said the of "What has X given to you?" People began to speak. was understanding the full impact of their feeling about "forgiveness, trial and joy exclaimed another. Strength to meet Temp. said as going. "Peace in my soul" - "eternal life" one who had been through sorrow, "comfort in sorrow" so they returned to the matchless gifts of Christ. Phil. 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by X.

I. His Parting a Joy for Those Who Love Him, vs. 28

Christ here gives his disciples another reason why their hearts (should not be troubled) over his going away. He is not really going away but he is coming again. And he refers to his going as a source of joy for his followers because Christ's coming and Christ's going is his exaltation. We must notice here that Jesus in reality is saying that the going Christ is the coming Christ. Of course they think about his departure as separating them by distance and time from his presence. We must keep in mind that this is in reference to his bodily form because he promised that the (Holy Spirit) would come and be with them and that there would be sufficient comfort for these disciples and that there really is no gap or break but everything runs smooth. There (will be not moment of absolute absence.) The going and the coming his death, resurrection and ascension, were steps in the transition from the lower to the higher. Of course there is the limitation of his bodily or local nearness but his spiritual presence to enlighten our eyes, to see things is real. His presence which we may have today is real. He departed for a season that they might have him forever.

The one thing that I press upon you is, (do you believe it.) Do you live in the faith of it. Do we take him at his word and believe that he meant what he said, that this is something more than just a picture or symbol, when he said, (Lo I am with you always.)

*What is Trusting God? → Always as near as we will let Him Be.*

(Christ's going is Christ's exaltation.) His goal, "I go to the father". He has been telling them about this and this should change his disciples sadness into joy. This gives to us a glimpse into his heart. He bids his disciples to rejoice with him for he goes back to the father.

*Death → Good but going to father - not really time of sadness. But Rejoicing !!*

He tells his disciples that this is a reason for joy because he goes to the one which is greater than himself. For Jesus to go to the Father was to share in the Father's greatness. Why else should the disciples be bidden to rejoice in him. Why should he say anything about the greatness of the father. This tells us that he and the Father are one and speaks to us of the divinity of Christ. Now we can only speak of this as the Scripture reveals it to us and refers to his divine nature. Perhaps Father and Son implies some sort of subordination, but this existed before the incarnation, but Jesus now will

We know not how soon our breath may stop and therefore should always be breathing something that is good. When we come to the sick we are not capable of talking about very much. Therefore, let us do good while we are in health. Christ knew about this approaching conflict that it would be the lot of man that the powers of darkness, the devil would not only be set upon tempting him but tempting his followers.

There is a truth in this that we should take note of, that when we have full sight of these temptations it ought to give us an advantage of resistance. In being forewarned we can be fore-armed.

There is no guilt in Christ. The devil is said to be the power of death. Heb. 2:14. There was no corruption in Christ for he had absolute freedom from sin. Jesus was waiting for the enemies charge knowing that he would come against his purity. It was a true fight, a real struggle.

#### IV. His Motive, vs. 31. A

Jesus unveils his motive. He tells us the purpose,

#### II. His Parting a Ground for Their Faith, vs. 29

When he told them that he was to be taken up he said this will really strengthen your faith. He prepared his disciples about the storm. He has warned them that it might not come as a surprise. Jesus warns us today that his coming will not be entirely by surprise. His great ambition is to strengthen their faith.

What does he mean by faith? He means first of all that they shall understand the fact of his death, resurrection and ascension. To understand his death as a sacrifice, his resurrection as a victory over death, his ascension that he now reaches and guides his church and that the spirit has come to guide the disciples. He meant that this faith would cause them to rely upon him. That they would

take note of the works and the words which had been wrought

*Some think faith by chance - like Phoenice Boat - girl fell overboard - can't swim - a man near by apparently dived in & pulled her out - standing on deck one lady said he deserves a medal - He said "I've got one question" - "Who should we in?" - Business of faith we must push our selves in -*

ground for nourishment of their faith. How differently when seen from the other side the things that were so dim.

These disciples with fear and yet trusting were to have

unveiled before them. Did not he tell us that all of this

*Unstable foundation - a Ball adventure constructed*

build a light house on the shore of England - The structure was finished & the builder shouted - Blow, ye winds, rage ye waves, & try my work - Night came & with it a terrific storm. Morning sun arose & no trace of light house - another built would come to pass. Were we blind not to understand him. On some point - dug to rock foundation - The light house So the cross, the grave and the skies were to become still stands & is named after its builder "Eddystone" - foundations to their faith to nourish them. They see him Jesus said "upon this rock I will build my church - upon his duty - gates of hell shall not prevail. upon these great facts.

In the third place this (faith was to produce the true presence of the absent Lord.) Faith is the spiritual sight which enables us.

### III. Anticipation of the Prince of the World, vs. 30.

It is marvelous in the departing moments how Jesus shows his disciples it will take place. This is the approach to the end of the sacred hour in the upper room. If we might in our (imagination) see this little group leaving its safe shelter, we might feel as a (sailor) who goes out of a protected harbor into the stormy sea. These disciples are walking out of a peaceful secluded spot into a crowded street. They will look back upon this moment with reverence and awe and they will tell us that Christ thought about his sufferings.

He anticipated the coming of the evil one. The

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Gospel tells us about the (Lord's temptation.) You remember how Satan came to him and tempted him before before, and the Scripture says he (departed from him for a season.) Now it seems that season is over. Satan will return and will appeal to him to seek ease and enjoyment rather than suffering and shame in trying to save the world from sin. But Jesus could see out into the unseen that the prince of this world who reaches men and knows when they are severed from God. Christ knew that the storm was approaching and he knew who was to be responsible for the storm. The prince of this world cometh. He has no reach over Jesus or authority over him.

'Hath nothing in me'

His (time was now short.) He spoke to them because his opportunity would soon be over. There was never a man who could speak like this. Are there (any of us) who were as pure and noble who could stand single-handed in the face of the evil one and say that he has nothing in me. That is there was no sin within Jesus. Are there any of us who can bar the door in seclusion and say there is nothing in me that will responde to the prince of this world. Christ set himself against the powers of evil. He had absolute freedom from sin.

the motive behind it, that the world might know his (love)  
to the father and also his (obedience) to the Father's command.  
 Jesus would have us to know that his sufferings and death  
 come by his own choice. This I do. His own act. The  
sacrifice was voluntary. He was both the priest and the  
 sacrifice without spot unto God.

This was the (crowning act of obedience) to his Father's  
 will. John says this was submission to God and revealed  
 mutual love. It was not reluctantly done. We discover  
 here then the real motive behind the death of Jesus, that it  
 was love for the Father and obedience for the Father which  
 ultimately is summed up in the glorious truth that he loved  
us. The son of man was sent not to be ministered unto  
but to minister, to give his life a ransom for many. So we  
 see the heavenly side of it and the earthly side of it.

(What did it matter to the world.) Why should it be of  
 any importance that the world should know about this. One  
 reason that they might have hope and life. Jesus was saying,  
the enemy is approaching now. The prince of this world is  
 coming and I will be in great conflict with him.

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 then in the closing part of vs. 31  
 God is not so far away, He will be here!  
 and we will see Him on his throne!  
 + put up + have our hands up  
 that is calling - we are going to  
 answer like the angels up?

As it is recorded in Rev. 19:6, "God has not left his throne", I feel that we should re-emphasize this glorious fact that we should not overlook God when we think of the prince of the world today. When everything seems to be at stake. Jesus said he would be on the throne in glory that his spiritual resources would be ours. That evil would come and see to overthrow but that he was not a part of the prince of this world. Heb. 10:31

#### V. The Advance

Jesus said to his friends, "Let us go hence". The word means to immediately arise. As Dr. Robinson says, "Probably the group arose and walked out into the night and the rest of the talk which we find in chapters 15, 16 and 17 was given in the shadows on the way to Gethsemane."

Evidently, he stood to his feet while they were around the table and he bids them to arise and follow him on the path.

There are no mere words which summon us to such thought. As Jesus had in mind, the powers of darkness were closing in and he must move immediately. We remember

how the disciples followed in amazement as he walked out toward the cross. It seems that he is anxious now to get it over with but there was far more than that it it because there was a determination, a resolve to carry out the Father's purpose for the world's salvation.

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*Some one will say This is not the time!  
But this is the time ~~trinity~~ can do its best  
God is ready to do something, if we will let Him!  
God wants us to run on his track!*

*you have been busy, phone ringing, wait,  
& pick up & some one hangs up -  
God is calling - are we going to  
answer before He hangs up?*