



Sermons of the Savior

John 14:12-31

Lesson 17

As Jesus continued to speak to His disciples of the times to come, He was still concerned about their *troubled hearts*. Leaving them was a good thing. Jesus called them to prove their love to Him by obeying Him. Much of obedience is trust. These final words required great trust. As He spoke them, they were in many ways just words. But, the Holy Spirit would soon bring life to His words – to the disciples and to all who believe after them.

OBSERVATION: Read John 14:12-31

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheet (the last page of this homework) and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they are about?

2. Key words help us to better understand the verses. We have listed below key words. Mark each one in a distinctive way (either with a symbol, highlighting, or some form of boxing, circling, or underlining). Mark each of the key words each time they are used in the text. Remember to mark any personal pronouns that refer to the *Father*, *Jesus*, and the *Holy Spirit*.

Key Words: *Father*, *Jesus*, *Holy Spirit*

a. Glance at your Observation Worksheet. What is your impression as you note the many markings of the *Father*, the *Son*, and the *Holy Spirit*?

3. Now mark these additional key words:

love(s/ed), *believe(s)*, *commandment(s)/keep(s)*, and *know(s)*

a. Choose one of the key words above and make a list of what is taught.

4. The contrasting word *but* is used five times in these verses. Mark each time it is used. Choose one and record what is being contrasted.

CONSIDER THESE THINGS:

1. What are some reasons that you wish Jesus was still walking on this earth?
2. Consider any relationships you may have in which you are the authority. What are some things you look for from the other person that cause you to know they respect you?
3. Consider any relationships you may have in which you are under authority. What are some things you do that show you respect that authority?

ANSWERED PRAYER: Read John 14:12-14

1. In the prior verses of John 14, Jesus spoke of His works proving His relationship with the Father. What incredible truth does He say in verse 12 that will happen?
 - a. What are the two requirements?
 - 1.) Jesus was priming His disciples to begin to understand the benefits of His leaving to *go to the Father*. According to Acts 2:33, what happened when Jesus went back to the Father?
 - 2.) According to Acts 4:33, what did the apostles do?
2. Right on the heels of teaching of doing *greater works*, what does Jesus teach us about in John 14:13,14?
 - a. What do these two verses teach us about prayer?
 - 1.) According to the last phrase of verse 13, what is to be the goal of *answered prayer*?
 - 2.) What are we saying when we pray *in Jesus' name*?

- b. Jesus added some other qualifications to answered prayer. What are they?

Matthew 21:22

John 15:7

John 15:16

- 1.) Why is it important to remember these things when we pray?
3. Why do you think Jesus chose to make these statements about prayer on the heels of His prediction that believers would do *greater works*?

ANOTHER HELPER: Read John 14:15-18

1. What did Jesus say we will do *if we love Him*?
- a. How is *keeping commandments* proof of *love*?
2. Jesus made two *I will* statements and one *I will not* statement in this section. What are they?
3. The *Helper* is the Holy Spirit. What can we learn about Him in verses 16-17?
- a. How long will the Holy Spirit *abide* with each believer?
- 1.) List some synonyms for the word *abide*.
- b. Record Jesus' words from John 7:37-38.
- 1.) According to John 7:39, who was Jesus speaking about?
- 2.) When was the *Holy Spirit* given? verse 39

4. What do the following verses teach us about the presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of each and every believer?

Romans 8:9

1 Corinthians 3:16

1 Corinthians 6:19

- a. What are the benefits of having the Holy Spirit of the living God dwelling in you?

- b. Using Romans 8:11, record the glorious promise to those in whom the Holy Spirit *dwells*.

5. According to John 14:17, why can *the world* not *receive* the Holy Spirit?

- a. What does 1 Corinthians 2:14 remind us?

- 1.) What spiritual things were *foolishness* to you before you became a believer?

OBEDIENCE: Read John 14:18-24

1. *I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.* Describe an orphan.

- a. In what ways has Jesus kept this promise to you?

2. What is the promise of John 14:20?

3. In John 14:21-23, Jesus amplified the statement He made in verse 15. What additional information did He provide?

- a. God *loves* the whole world. Yet, only the believer gets to experience His love. Share just one way you have personally experienced God's love.

4. Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" (John 14:22). What did Jesus answer him? verses 23,24

a. How does *keeping His commandments* help you to experience God's love?

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE: Read John 14:25-31

1. Jesus taught His disciples many things. What did Jesus promise the Holy Spirit would do?

a. The Holy Spirit not only brings to our remembrance the words of Jesus, He teaches us spiritual truths. In what ways have you experienced this?

2. What did Jesus say about *peace* in John 14:27?

a. Confirm this by writing the promises of the following verses:

Romans 5:1

Romans 8:6

Galatians 5:22

Philippians 4:7

Colossians 1:20

b. Describe the *peace* that Jesus *gives*.

3. Jesus again announced that He was *going to the Father*. What have you learned in this lesson that helps you to know that this is a good thing?

4. Consider John 14:29. How has seeing the things Jesus predicted come to pass helped you to *believe*?

5. John 14 closes with Jesus telling His disciples that *the ruler of this world is coming, but has nothing in Him*. Record the words of 2 Corinthians 5:21, which remind us why Satan had *nothing in Jesus*.
 - a. John 14:31 reminds us that although Satan had no power over Jesus, Jesus was about to yield Himself up to death. What did Jesus' *obedience* to the Father prove?
 - 1.) How was this a living example of what Jesus taught about *loving* Him in this chapter?

REVIEW: Read John 14:12-31

1. How has this lesson challenged you to walk in the *great works* God has ordained for you?
2. In what ways has the truth that *obedience* proves *love* challenged you?
3. How do you think the words of Jesus in this chapter brought *peace* to the disciples?
4. One of Jesus' intentions in speaking the words of this chapter was to minister to *troubled hearts*. Share one thing from this lesson that you want to remember when your heart is *troubled*.

*I delight to do Your will, O my God,
And Your law is within my heart."
- Psalm 40:8*

Observation Worksheet

John 14:12-31

¹² "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

¹³ And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*. ¹⁵ "If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

¹⁹ "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ At that day you will know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹ He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" ²³ Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. ²⁴ He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. ²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. ²⁸ You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming *back* to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. ³¹ But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.