

“PEACE FOR TROUBLED HEARTS”

John 14:25-31 Lesson #5

We could think of Jn. 14:25-31 as the Last Will & Testament of our Lord Jesus. These are not the very last word He spoke, but these words do have a unique ring of finality and special privileges for His disciples.

Writing out my own Will brought me face to face with some realities:

- 1) Solemn reality of death. True in UR – face to face with death.
- 2) Reality of the worth of one’s life. What a shock to realize how little material things I really have! Since the Lord Jesus had no material possessions, He bequeathed a rich spiritual heritage.
- 3) Who will be executor? For the Lord, He was through the ministry of the HS.
- 4) Who are the beneficiaries? For the Lord, primarily the 11 disciples. But also for us.

I provided an interpretive paraphrase of the Lord’s words in the format of a Will & Testament as a supplement handout.

Though “will” & “testament” normally refer to the same document, for convenience in teaching, we divided the two in this passage:

1 THE LAST WILL OF JESUS BEQUEATHS A RICH SPIRITUAL HERITAGE, 14:25-28.
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- A. Jesus acts as a gracious executor for the beneficiaries of His estate, 14:25-27a.

Whereas, I am teaching you now while I am present, I will soon be gone. But I want to leave you with My estate:
 All the riches of what I have said to you will be unlocked by the ministry of the Holy Spirit, 14:26.

1. The trustworthy character of the HS:
 - a. Title: “Holy” (1x in John!) – emphatic in Greek: “The Spirit, the Holy one.”
 - b. Origin: directly from the Father, in response to Jesus’ request (14:16) & the Church’s request (Ac. 1) on basis of the Person & Work of JC.

2. The responsibilities of the HS:
 - a. Ministry of teaching: “all things” related to spiritual things

 - b. Ministry of recollection: special ministry to the apostles to help in writing the Gospels.
 Notice: HS does not just help them remember Jesus’ words. Rather, HS “brings” these words to their mind (cf. 2 Pet. 2:21b).

HS does these 2 things for us today: teaches, and helps us remember.

I also want to leave you with My peace, and give it to you as a gift. 14:27a.

3. Peace of Jesus: inner tranquility of a mind assured of God's care, even in the middle of troubles.
 - a. Not as the world – external, false, temporary.
 - b. Jesus wants to leave His peace as a legacy.
Word: “leave” as a legacy from Christ's own treasury.
 - c. Jesus gives peace permanently to the believer's heart.

B. Jesus acts as a loving pastor for the bereaved before His own funeral, 14:27b-28.

Whereas, I am going to be separated from you for a time, I know how you feel. But I want you to feel differently about My departure:

I want you to stop letting your heart be so upset as though you are the ones condemned to die, 14:27b.

1. Let not your heart be troubled (cf. 14:1) --- agitated and driven by the winds.
2. Nor let it be fearful.

I want you to show your love by rejoicing in My exaltation to a higher position. 14:28.

3. The sorrow of the disciples did not express an understanding in their love.
4. They should rejoice because Christ's ascension is His exaltation.

2 THE LAST TESTIMONY OF JESUS GIVES REASONS FOR HIS SECRET WORDS AND SPECIAL WORK, 14:29-31.

A. Jesus, as a wise physician, spiritually immunizes the disciples for His death, 14:29.

Whereas, I have told you about My death and departure and have bequeathed the above, I want you to know the reason for this last will and testament. Soon I will be gone from you and the Holy Spirit will come to you. I have told you in advance, so that when it happens, your faith will be strengthened.

B. Jesus, as a medical examiner, pre-diagnoses the spiritual cause of His death, 14:30-31.

Whereas, My time is short to speak with you, I want you to understand the spiritual reason for My death.

My enemy, Satan, has no point of weakness to use against Me, 14:30.

1. The ruler of this world attacked the Sinless One, Jesus, 14:30.
2. Jesus was obedient because He loved the Father, 14:31.

Instead, I am going to do what My Father has commanded as a demonstration of My love for the Father.

“Get up, let us go from here.”

They headed towards the garden of Gethsemane.

Stop at the Temple?

Did they pass through the eastern gate and walk through the Kidron Valley?

Where is the garden?

Next Session: “Fruitfulness Through Fellowship” John 15:1-8