

“NO LONGER ORPHANS”

John 14:18-24

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INTRODUCTION

Do you want what the world has? Don't! In reality, the world wants what you have—but it will never get it apart from a living relationship with Jesus Christ.

Jesus had just told His disciples that He was not leaving them alone—He was sending them another Helper—this helper would be with them forever and would abide with them and be in them.

Jesus builds upon that truth in these verses, but He also tells them that Himself will personally come to them; they will see Him again. Because He lives, they will live also. They will actually come to a deeper more intimate relationship with Him. They are those who have Jesus' words and keep them; therefore they will have a relationship with the Trinity—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

There is no need to envy the world; the world has nothing that you need or should want!

JESUS DOES NOT LEAVE US ORPHANS

I. THE WORLD HAS NO RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

- A. They are left alone without a heavenly Father
- B. They do not love the Lord (24)
- C. They do not keep His words—i.e. the words of the Father (24)
- D. They never again see the Lord (19)
- E. Jesus does not disclose Himself to them (v. 22)

But, say Judas, how is this possible? Does not the Messiah manifest Himself to the world and not just to His own disciples?

This is not:

- Jesus' brother—the author of Jude (Mt. 13:35)
- Jesus' ancestor (Luke 3:30)
- The Galilean rebel (Acts 5:37)
- Paul's host in Damascus on Straight Street (Acts 9:11)
- Judas Barsabbas (Acts 15:22ff)
- Judas Iscariot

He is another of Jesus' disciples, otherwise known as Lebbaeus, with the surname of Thaddaeus; he is also called “Judas of James (Luke 6:16; Acts 1:13)

This incident is the only one recorded about him in the NT.
Notice that Jesus does not directly answer Judas' question.

The situation with the disciple of Christ is the polar opposite!

II. JESUS' DISCIPLE HAS AN INTIMATE RELATION WITH GOD

A. The disciple is not left as an _____—Jesus comes to and cares for them.
The question here is, what coming of Jesus is in view.

- Not the second advent—primarily
- Must include the coming and presence of the Spirit just mentioned.
- Likely includes Jesus' immanent **post-resurrection appearances** (note “after a little while”—v. 19, and the allusion to His resurrection—19)

B. The disciple _____ him again (19).

Jesus appeared to them on many different occasions over a 40 day period and showed them “many convincing proofs” (Acts 1:3)

C. The disciple _____ because of Him (19).

They will not be overcome by death; His life is their life.

D. The disciple has theological assurance (20)

They know that Jesus is in the Father.

E. The disciple enjoys mutual _____ with his Lord (20)

They are in Jesus—mystical union; Jesus is in them—empowering and blessing them.

F. The Disciple has His “_____” (commands) and “Word” (teaching) (21, 23)

“To have” His words is to **make them our own; to take them into our inner being.**

G. The disciple _____ His words (commandments). (21, 23)

To keep them is to observe them in daily life—not merely an intellectual grasp.

H. The disciple _____ His Lord (21, 23)

The one who has and keeps His commands is the one who loves Him (21).

The one who loves Him is the one who keeps His Word (23).

I. The disciple is _____ by Jesus' Father (21, 23)

The Father loves those who love His Son. Naturally His love comes first; but His love is also reciprocal.

J. The disciple is loved by _____ (21)

K. Jesus clearly and conspicuously manifests Himself to the disciple (21).

L. The Father and the Son _____ the disciple (23)

M. The Father and the Son make their “mansion” (dwelling, abode) with the disciple. This is the only other NT usage of the word used in 14:2.

CONCLUSION

Do not want what the world has; the world has nothing that you need!

YOU NEED JESUS. THAT IS ALL THAT YOU NEED.