

Message 1  
**The Father's House**  
John 14:1-3

## Introduction

### Four false views of the Second Coming

1. The spiritual theory
2. The judgment theory
3. The conversion theory
4. The Christian death theory

### Timeline:

1. AD 32
2. Jerusalem
3. The passion week

**Proposition:** Jesus reveals that although He is going to the Father's house, the disciples will also go to the Father's house.

### I. The Benefit of the Promise (verse 1)

- A. To the spiritual attitude of the believers
1. A source (1 Cor. 1:7-8)
  2. A reason (Phil. 3:20)
  3. An object (Heb. 9:28)

- B. To the spiritual maturity of the believers
1. Understanding His deity (Feinberg<sup>1</sup>)
  2. Knowing our relationship to Him (Jn. 14:19-20)

### II. The Facts about the Promise (verse 2)

- A. The existence of the Father's house
1. Where is it? (Psa. 23:6) (Gundry?<sup>2</sup>)
  2. What is it? (McCune<sup>3</sup>) (Rev. 21:2)
  3. How will it happen?

- B. The residents in the Father's house
1. A heavenly people (Eph. 2:5-7; Phil. 3:20-21)
  2. The time it will take (Matt. 13:31-33)

### III. The Culmination of the Promise (verse 3)

#### A. The coming back of Jesus Christ

1. A reciprocal action (Heb. 9:28)
2. A necessary action (Acts 3:21)

#### B. The receiving of the believers

1. A reception (1 Thes. 4:17a)
2. A person (1 Thes. 4:17b)

#### C. The marriage to Himself

1. The Bride Groom (1 Thes. 4:17c)
2. The Bride (Rev. 19:7-9)

## Conclusion

The oriental wedding: (2 Cor. 11:2, "espoused" "present")

1. Betrothal
2. Procuring
3. Unveiling
4. Trousseau
5. Departure
6. Presentation
7. Position

1. **Charles Feinberg:** "Amazingly, He states that as they believe in God, they are to believe in Him. Was there ever a more direct and unequivocal statement of His deity?" *Jesus The King Is Coming*. p. 29.  
2. **Robert Gundry:** "He is going to prepare them spiritual abodes within His own person. Dwelling in these abiding places they will belong to God's household." *The Church and the Tribulation*, p. 154.  
3. **Roland McCune:** "Hitherto the saints looked forward to a resurrection day when God would come down and dwell on earth with them forever in His glorious kingdom. Now, believers were told of the prospect of Christ's absence during which time He would be preparing dwelling places for them in a non-earthly dimension, in what He termed 'the Father's house.'" *A Systematic Theology*, vol. III, p. 365.