

CHAPTER 13

NOW before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, to betray him;

3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not

now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head.

10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash *his* feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for *so* I am.

14 If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you,

The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

18 ¶ I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

19 Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am *he*.

20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

21 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.

23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.

24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake.

25 He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it?

26 Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped *it*. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave *it* to Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon.

27 And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

28 Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him.

29 For some of *them* thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy *those things* that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor.

30 He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.

31 ¶ Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

32 If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him.

33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35 By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

36 ¶ Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards.

37 Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake.

38 Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.

CHAPTER 14

LET not your heart be troubled: I ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

4. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.

15 ¶ If ye love me, keep my commandments.

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

20 At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou

wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

25. These things have I spoken unto you, being *yet* present with you.

26 But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

28. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come *again* unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

29 And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

31 But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

CHAPTER 15

IAM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If ye abide in me, and my

words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

9. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth

fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

18. If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you.

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin.

23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also.

24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

25 But *this cometh to pass*, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

26. But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Chapter 13 contains three important lessons for all Christians. One is a lesson of humility. The foot-washing was not an ordinance, but an example. In Oriental countries it is the slaves who wash the feet of visitors; so Christ is here taking the place of a slave. He makes this clear to His disciples (verses 13-16). If He has washed their feet, and He is their Lord, they should treat each other with the same humility. This must have been a striking rebuke to the twelve. Just that evening they had been debating who was to be the greatest!

Chapter 13 also contains a lesson on holiness. Christ's words to Peter in verse 8 are important: "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part (no communion)

with me." There is a difference in the Bible between union and communion. Peter was in union with Christ, as one of His own through faith, but his sin had broken his communion with the Lord. There is also a difference between sonship and fellowship. Only as we allow Christ to daily cleanse us can we remain in fellowship with Him and enjoy His presence and power.

Another lesson found in chapter 13 is a lesson on hypocrisy. Judas was in the Upper Room, pretending to be one of Christ's own. In verses 10 and 11 Christ made it very clear that He knew one of them was not saved. So careful was Judas' deception that even the other disciples did not realize he was a hypocrite. A hypocrite is a counterfeit, one who only resembles the real thing.

Today, many of our church members are playing the role of a hypocrite. They look, act, and talk like Christians part of the time, but their hearts have never been changed. Just as in the case of Judas, all of us today may fool our families, friends, and associates, but Christ looks on the heart. He knows the heart of every man. He knew Judas was the deceiver. If there has not been a genuine change in your life, and if you have never repented of your sins and received Christ as Saviour, you may fool the world, but God can never be fooled.

John 14 closes with the words, "Arise, let us go hence." This suggests that the next two chapters were spoken on the way to the Garden. It is probable that Christ and His disciples were passing some vineyards or the Temple, with its golden vine decorations, when He gave the parable of the Vine and the Branches.

Chapter 14 is probably one of the greatest chapters of comfort given in the Scriptures. The first six verses of this chapter are appropriate to preach at funerals. Jesus tells us that our hearts should not be troubled because there are many mansions in His Father's house which have been prepared for those who believe in Him. Those who received Christ as their personal Saviour and have now departed this life, are today with Him in paradise. Perhaps you have recently lost a loved one or you may know of someone who is bereaved. These verses can be a real comfort. God has prepared a place for His children, and He is coming again to receive His children unto Himself, and reunite those saved ones who may have gone on before. This is the hope of the Christian, the joy of the Christian. One day we will see our loved ones who have gone on before; we will meet them face to face in glory, where together we will praise our blessed Saviour for all He's done for us.

When Jesus told His disciples that He was going away, He promised them a Comforter. The Comforter is the Holy Spirit of God who is dwelling in the hearts of each and every believer. His chief job in the world today is recorded in verse 26. The verse reads, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." Notice the last part of this verse, "and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." Any spirit that does not speak of the Lord Jesus Christ is not of Christ, but of the devil. Whereas Jesus is presently seated at the right hand of God the Father, making intercession for the saints, the Holy Spirit is very active here in the world, and indwells the body of

every believer. He is striving to convict those who are lost and dead in trespasses and sin, and striving to draw them to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

In chapter 15 Christ is presented as the True Vine. Those who are saved are grafted by faith into Christ and become branches of the True Vine.

This chapter is divided into three sections: a parable (verses 1-11); a commandment (verses 12-17); and a warning (verses 18-27). A parable teaches one main truth. The truth Christ is teaching in this parable is the importance of abiding in Him to bear fruit. The word "fruit" is used six times and "abide" at least 15 times (not always translated "abide"). The main point here is fellowship, not sonship. To be a branch in the Vine means we are united to Christ and share His life. As we abide in Him, His life flows through us and produces the fruit. It is possible for the carnal Christian to produce "works," but only the spiritual Christian can bear lasting fruit. Note that the fruitful branches are "purged" (verse 2—same word as "clean" in verse 3), so they bear more fruit. God cleanses us through the Word, chastening, etc., to make us more fruitful. This helps to explain why a dedicated Christian will have to go through suffering. As the Christian moves from fruit to more fruit (verse 2), to much fruit (verse 8), he glorifies the Father. The evidences of an abiding life are: a sense of the Saviour's love (verse 9); obedience to His word (verse 10); answered prayer (verse 7); and joy (verse 11).

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace is joy" (Proverbs 12:20).

BIRTHDAY TODAY

NAN WALKER

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 36: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 10.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1674

JOHN MILTON DIED.

This great author of PARADISE LOST was blind at his death and yet he was to preach on the day of his death.

1925

THE DEDICATION OF MOODY

MEMORIAL CHURCH IN CHICAGO.

This great auditorium seats 4000 and looks even larger than that. Let us thank God for the influence of this church through the years and pray for true revival to take place there and in Chicago in our generation.

1889

MONTANA WAS ADMITTED TO THE UNION.

Let us pause to pray for our Christian brethren in Montana. Perhaps you know of some preachers or missionaries serving there. Perhaps you have some Christian friends who live there. Let us pray for them by name today.

1889

THE BIRTHDAY OF OSWALD SMITH.

Oswald Smith was the famous founder of the Peoples Church in Toronto, Canada. This is one of the great missionary churches of the world, and Oswald Smith was one of the great missionary hearts of our day. His favorite Scripture was Ruth 2:12, *“The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.”*

WE CONTINUE OUR THINKING ABOUT BILLY SUNDAY.

Mrs. Sunday said once that Billy used sermon notes with each letter an inch high. Why use such big notes? Was his vision bad? She replied that his vision was not bad, but that he came by the pulpit so seldom and stayed so far from the pulpit most of the time, that as he was running across the platform preaching, he needed big notes so that he could see them from a great distance. Well, praise the Lord for this kind of a preacher and may the Lord increase his tribe.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1870

Democratic governor elected in Tennessee.

1892

Democrat Grover Cleveland elected president.

One hundred and sixty one blacks reported lynched.

1932

Franklin Delano Roosevelt elected president.

Spingarn Medal awarded to Robert R. Moton, president of Tuskegee Institute, for his “thoughtful leadership in conservative opinion and action.”

1938

First black woman legislator, Crystal Bird Fauset of Philadelphia, elected to Pennsylvania legislature.

1960

John F. Kennedy defeated Richard Nixon in the presidential election. Otis M. Smith elected auditor general of Michigan and became the first black chosen in a statewide election since the Reconstruction period.

1966

Edward W. Brooke (Republican, Massachusetts) elected to U.S. Senate and became the first black senator since the Reconstruction era and the first black senator elected by popular vote.

Racial violence was reported in forty-three cities in 1966, with eleven killed, more than four hundred injured and three thousand arrested.

John H. Johnson, publisher of *Ebony* and *Jet* magazines, awarded Spingarn Medal “for his productive imagination...in the perilous field of publishing” and “for his contributions to the enhancement of the Negro’s self-image through his publications.”

The Story of the Psalms

PSALMS 115

AUTHOR: Unknown

THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALM:

Psalm 115 was a choir number. The choir was divided into two parts, and it was sung with each part of the choir singing a portion and the leader singing a portion. One part of the choir would sing verses 1-8, the leader would sing verses 9-11, the other half of the choir would sing verses 12 and 13. The leader would sing verses 14-16 and then all would join together in singing verses 17 and 18. It was written specifically for choir use.

THE WAY IT WAS USED BY GOD'S PEOPLE:

It was used in public worship as a choir special number.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION:

Divine inspiration evident in that the scriptures correct those who are trapped in error.

C. THE ERROR THAT GOD IS TOO KIND TO DAMN ANYONE

(Assignment 36)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

() Psalms 9:17

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

() II Thessalonians 1:7

And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

() II Thessalonians 1:8

In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

() II Thessalonians 1:9

Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

() Revelation 20:10

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.