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Where He Is

"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:3 NASB).

How can we take in the immensity of this beautiful Scripture? What a favor and blessing it is to know that Jesus is preparing a place for me and for you where His home is. What an amazing promise to be drawn into the loving care of God to dwell with Him!

Most Believers have *"died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them"* (Hebrews 11:13-16).

Jesus knew that to become a disciple meant being cast out and orphaned by the world. Abraham illustrated this. He wandered the earth in Faith as an alien and exile because he wasn't looking for a place to call home in the world—he was *"looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God"* (Hebrews 11:10).

To belong to the world, you have to be parented by it, accepting its authority to shape and mold you to fit into its foundations. Here we see men born of blood, the will of the flesh, and the will of man—all bearing titles, pedigrees, and distinctions that open up doors in the world and give them roles with an inheritance of establishments and residences. Just

so, the devil offered Jesus *"all the kingdoms of the world and their glory"* if He would worship him (Matthew 4:8-9). Jesus did not accept satan's authority, for He was God's Son, and as Believers, we also do not recognize the authority of the world because God has welcomed us into His family, giving us the *"right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God"* (John 1:12b-13). God is our Parent, shaping and molding us for His Kingdom's foundation in eternity. This makes us orphans to the world but heirs of God.

While being an orphan in the world causes us a good deal of discomfort now, Jesus consoles us—*"do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you"* (John 14:1-2).

We don't have to labor, barter, or buy our blessed right to live with Jesus and call His Name ours, *"for by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God"* (Ephesians 2:8). It is a free gift to all who believe, and while we may feel like exiles, strangers, aliens, or orphans right now, Jesus tells us, ***"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you"*** (John 14:18). He is faithful, for even in this moment, we have His Holy Spirit Who *"testifies with our spirit that we are children of God"* (Romans 8:16) and that Jesus is coming again to claim us for Himself to *"receive the unfading crown of glory"* (1 Peter 5:4b) and an *"inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you"* (1 Peter 1:4). ***"He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming quickly.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus"*** (Revelation 22:20).