

Scripture: John 17

Lord's Day 18.46-49

Singing: 242:1-4 – 297:1-3 – 30:1-3 – 203:1-5

The Profit of Christ's Ascension (4)

- I. He ascended to give to us II. He ascended to labor for us
III. He ascended to receive us

Intro: The flowers of the Gospel contain the nectar of our only comfort!

A. The Glory of Our Ascended High Priest Jesus Christ

1. He has ascended to give us gifts – even the rebellious (Ps. 68:18)

2. He has ascended to be our *Advocate in the presence of His Father*

a. one OT type: Gen. 44:18-34

b. yet our Savior's prayer in unmatched: John 17:24

III. He has ascended into heaven to *receive us to Himself*

A. Let all believers in X often tarry in John 14-17

1. These chapters are *His love-letter left behind for us to re-read*

B. Jesus went to the Father's house to prepare a place of us (14:2-3)

1. He is now *in the Father's house with many mansions*

a. How sweet is the *name: Father's house*

b. How sweet the truth: *mansions*

c. How reassuring the truth: *many mansions*

2. Jesus went to prepare a place for you: *What is this preparation?*

a. His death on the cross

b. He entering as our forerunner (Heb. 6:20)

3. The Lord promised to *come again and receive us unto Himself*

C. What comforting implications must we draw from this!

1. We shall see Him face to face (1 John 3:2)

2. We shall behold all His glory (John 17:24)

3. We shall be like Him (1 John 3:2; Phil. 3:21)

4. We shall be in a new heaven and earth (Rev. 21:1-5)

Living the truth

A. How shall I know Jesus is preparing this place for me?

B. How did Jesus answer the question about how many there will be?

1. See Luke 13:23-30

The Glory of the Father's House

Nothing will pay for the loss of the Father's house but the Father's house will be worth all the losses we may suffer to reach it.

If one should suffer all the sorrows of all the saints in the world, yet they are not worth one hour's glory in the Father's house. (Chrysostom)

Earth has no sorrow that the Father will not heal.

Christ is the central attraction in the Father's house.