

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. (John 14:1-3 NIV)

Relief from Trouble



You believe in God; believe also in me

That's a strong statement from Jesus! Does it also sound a bit odd as a relief from a troubled heart?

Many things trouble us in life, and it is normally the case that when we have a good friend to help us in those troubles; even if it only to be with us, then we get some comfort. We are not alone.

That is what is happening here: Jesus has just told his disciples that he is going away and they are very sad. What will do without him? How will they manage?

To help them, Jesus explains about the relationship of God and with them. 1st is the summary that he is God's Son (you'll need to look back to John 13:32 for that bit). God's presence will be with them (they already knew the Psalm that says no-one can flee from God's Presence. See Ps.139:7-8)

Next, he gives a picture of what he will be doing when he is away from them:



My Father's house has many rooms ... I am going there to prepare a place for you

Another strong statement! 1st Jesus is God's son and 2nd, Jesus provides the way into God's Kingdom and prepares rooms for his people. This is a comfort not only in a troubled time, but as answer to

all troubles; there is hope and you have a place in God's house for when the time comes for your physical body to die.

Even death cannot separate us! (See also Romans 8:38-39)



I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am

The disciples were worried that did not know how to get to God's house. Jesus assures them, I will come back and get you.

Even now, when our physical bodies die, we can be assured that God does not abandon us and that we will be brought into his house; in his Kingdom.