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## DAY 09

GOD PROMISES YOU AN ETERNAL HOME

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#### KEY SCRIPTURE

JOHN 14:2-3 NKJV

*"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. And 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."*

Jesus was spending time with His close friends. Jesus is always willing to let us ask questions. He is not scared that we have questions. His friends had a few questions for Him that day. When His friends talked about Jesus going away and they were upset, Jesus said to them "don't let your heart be troubled".

Sadness and depression or "Heart-trouble" is commonplace in our world even today. No rank, or class, or condition is exempt from it. No bars, or bolts, or locks can keep it out. Partly from inward causes, partly from outward, partly from our body, partly from our mind, the journey of life can present trouble in many forms. We are often tempted to look at other people and think "oh they don't have problems" or better yet "they are such mature Christians I'm sure they don't get depressed". Each one of us has problems and can be caught in sadness and what seems desperation if we do not keep our focus on Jesus Christ.

The remedy Jesus prescribes here is a simple one, and that is trust. Trust in Jesus, the man they knew and lived life with for years. The faithful mediator between God and man. "Trust" used here means to be persuaded in the integrity of and having total confidence in and reliance upon. Our trust in God and our Lord Jesus turns our troubled hearts into comforted hearts, keeping them freed from the agitation and worry.

Jesus, always knowing the condition of His followers, begins to speak in their ears these wonderful words of encouragement – rich in truth. They are certainly just as important to us today as they were to His disciples when he first spoke to them. He would indeed be going but in His going He would be preparing a place for us so that we may always be where He is. If that were not so, He would tell us. Our assurance is built on the integrity of our Lord's word as well as the example of sincere love and affection. As believers we would do well to remember that we are just travellers, visitors here. Earth is not our home, it never was. Heaven is, and heaven is a real place. That is the promise of Scripture. Heaven is a place – not a fluffy cloud – the Father's house – my Father's house. It is a place of mansions – lasting, eternal and permanent.



## REFLECTIONS

Take some time to reflect and pray on these following statements:

- ▶ Trust in Jesus is the remedy for “heart troubles”.
- ▶ Earth is not my home. My home is in heaven.
- ▶ A place with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for eternity should be my main focus.

## PRAYER

Father thank you. Jesus, I come to you today, I want to tell you thank you. Holy Spirit thank you for being my guide and my helper. Spoken words are one way to express my gratitude to you. Seeing how you cared for your followers when you were on this earth helping them understand who you were is a wonderful example to me of your care for me.

Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit who goes with me wherever I go. Holy Spirit because I am a believer, I ask you to not only help me today but to help others as they travel from here to eternity. I pray a prayer of exchange and cast out fear and call-in faith and hope. I reject anxiety and worry and speak peace and calm to come into my heart and mind.

Finally, Lord I pray for a revival in Niagara. Help me to take my faith in you to those who you bring into my life. Lord I do this remembering what you did, and what you asked me to do while waiting for your return. In Jesus' name amen.

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