① Review of the Father's House Metaphor

v.2 In My Father's house are many mansions/rooms
- in heaven, there are many homes for you (enough for everyone)

OR

- God's dwelling place on earth (The Temple) is made of many dwelling places (Temples)

★ how is "Father's house" used in scripture?

– concepts to consider:

#1 The context of the dialogue is that they are "Troubled" because Jesus said you won't see Me anymore

★ Does option A or B fit best?

#2 Do the apostles really question if there is enough room in heaven and what their house will look like?

★ OR how they could go on in ministry w/o seeing Jesus?

v.2 I go and prepare a place for you
- Is Jesus going to prepare heaven for us?

OR

- Is Jesus going to prepare us as a place for God

– Question to ask:
Does heaven need to be prepared... OR us?

v.3 I will come again to you and receive you to Myself
- is this His second coming or coming to get us at our death

– again, how would that "help" their troubled hearts now?

OR

- Is Jesus saying He will leave, but come right back again to make you One w/ Himself

– what is the context?

"where I am, you will be w/ me" – v. 3

"the παράκλητος (Helper) will dwell in you" v. 16

"The Spirit of truth will dwell in you" v. 17

"I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you" v. 18

"The Father and I will be in you" v. 20

"My Father and I will come to you and make our home (move) in you" v. 23
- Is this teaching really saying:

– we will go to a home in heaven

OR

– God will make a home in us

v.6 Jesus is the "way"... no one comes to the Father, but through Me
- Jesus is the way to God's – God's presence after we die

OR

- Jesus is the way to God's presence now and later

Veil: Jesus' Flesh Heb. 10:20

② Seeing Jesus = Seeing the Father

v.7 IF you had known Me – implies they don't truly know (yet)

v.7 you would have known My Father
- knowing Jesus = knowing God
- to see one is to see the other

★ Jesus is the λογος, NOT just the messenger (ἀπόστολος)

"Jesus is the image of the invisible God" Col. 1:15

"Jesus is the express image of God" Heb. 1:3

"No one has seen God at any time, only begotten (God) has declared Him" John 1:18

★ these truths when cross-referenced w/ Gen. 18 God appeared to Abraham
Gen 32 God wrestled w/ Jacob
(Acts 7:2-5)
★ Both times, God became a "man"!!

v.7 From now on you (will) know Him and (will) see Him
- This speaks of a future blessing

"In that day (Giving of the Spirit), you will know that I am in the Father, and you in Me, and I in you..." 14:19-20
- After His death: resurrection, we will receive the Holy Spirit

– who will show, teach, all things

★ This future blessing is also part of the messianic promise:
In the Future Covenant, You will know the Lord... Be Revealed
– Psalm 46:10, Jer. 31:34, Hosea 13:4 Daniel 11:32, Is. 40:5... Moses had a glimpse

v.8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and that will be sufficient for us (to know you're the way)"
- seemingly, Philip was speaking for the group

– and they wanted a "Theophany" to know Jesus is the way to the Father

★ This was Moses desire as well...
"show me Your glory (Sept-LXX)" Ex 33:18
– God revealed only His passing glory

v.9 Jesus said to him, "have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip?
– a connotation of sadness
– It was written/prophecied that the people would be taught by God
Is. 54:13, Jer. 31:34, Micah 4:2

v.9 Anyone who has seen Me (as the Messiah) has seen the Father... So how can you say, "show me the Father?
– Jesus has been repeating this truth
"Anyone who sees Me, sees Him who sent Me" 12:45
"Anyone who receives Me, receives Him who sent Me" 13:20
- Jesus is the messese of God (λογος)

v.10 Do you not believe (this) that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me?
- Jesus often put the bell in their court
I am the resurrection and the life... do you believe 11:25-26
- Personal faith must be placed in Jesus

v.10 The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority,
- As prophesied by Moses
"I will raise up a for them a Prophet like you (Moses) from among them and I will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him" Deut. 18:18

"IF anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority" John 7:17

③ Works/Deeds... and Greater Works

v.10b... The Father who dwells in Me does these works
- Jesus is still answering Philip

– by showing the oneness of Jesus and the Father
– The Father "dwells" in Jesus

★ This dwelling in Jesus: others is the continued Focus of the metaphor (Father's house)

The Father dwells in Jesus
"For it pleased the Father, that in Him (Jesus) all the Fullness should dwell" Col. 1:19

– also, Remember dwell = Shekinah
- The Father and I will dwell in you... 14:23

★ This "dwelling" makes the works/deeds (ἔργον) possible!
– Because God was in Jesus = amazing works, Deeds, Signs
(so too... God dwelling in us = amazing works, deeds, signs)

v.11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, (OR if you don't believe Me) believe Me for the sake of the works (ἔργον – Deeds Signs) themselves
- IF talk is cheap, then believe me for the proof of miracles I did – that only God can do: (Think deep spiritually)
  - sight to blind
  - healing a leper
  - raising Lazarus
  - water to wine
  - lame to walk
  - Deaf to hear

AND The sign behind the miracles!! Think Isaiah

v.12 Most assuredly I say to you
- double emphasis ἀμὴν, ἀμὴν

v.12 He (anyone) who believes in Me the works (ἔργον, signs/deeds) – NOT capricious miracles or RAK that I do, he will do also
- same spirit and power (δυναμις) in Jesus is in you Acts 1:8, Rom 8:11

★ NOTICE this promise is to all who believe ("anyone"/"he")
– which gives clue do "greater works"

v.12 and greater works than these he (anyone) will do...
- Greater = Megas
- only Two ways to interpret:

1) Qualitatively
The followers who believe will do even more miraculous deeds than Jesus
★ Yet, the book of Acts never records
– walking on water
– sight to blind
4 days dead resurrection

2) Quantitatively
- Greater numbers of miracles done
- Jesus was One Man, bound by limits
- Centered around Israel's geography

★ Jesus commences the apostles in Acts
"When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of earth" Acts 1:8 – Quantitative increase

★ Also, finish the sentence...

v.12... the works will be greater, Because, I go to the Father
★ what is the result and benefit of Jesus going to The Father?
– That He can send us the Holy Spirit
"It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the παράκλητος (Helper/advocate) will NOT come to you, but if I depart, I will send Him to you" John 16:7

★ This way, Jesus is in everyone who believes... everywhere. Quantitively ↑

④ Great Works Result From Great Prayers

v.13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do...
- Greater things" are done
– by Jesus going to the Father

AND

– the believer's prayers to Jesus (in His name)

★ Textual evidence shows to include the pronoun "me"... "whatever you ask Me"

★ Also, the double statement:
..."I will do it – v.13
..."I will do it – v.14
★ JESUS GRANTS the REQUEST!
- whatever we ask "in His name"
– prayer addressed "in Jesus name" is addressed to Jesus Himself
– This is NOT an addendum to prayers... NOR a Formula NOR a magical incantation (NOT something we add at the end – although, nothing wrong w/ that)

★ As long as we get the point:
- To pray in Jesus name is to pray for "Jesus sake" (in Jesus will – 1 John 5:14)
sake: the purpose or interest of someone
- our prayers are to advance His purpose/interests, that = in His name

v.13... That the Father may be Glorified in the Son
- By praying to Jesus (In My Name)
- and Jesus granting the prayer (I will do it)
- The Father is glorified by our love, commitment, and obedience to Jesus, His Son!

"For the Father loves the Son and shows His Son all things that He does, and will show Him greater works than these... all should honor the Son as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son (like the Jesus' sake) does not honor the Father." John 5:20-23

★ The best (and only) way to glorify the Father is to love; obey His Son

v.14 If you ask (me) anything in My name, I will do it
- Jesus literally repeats Himself – probably due to the shock of the truth

★ most versions have a note at v.14 to include the "Me"
- The ESV, NASB, NIV, NLT, LEB, NET ALL need:

"IF you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it"
- such an amazing truth – it needed to be said twice!

★ This is how we can do GREATER THINGS
– by prayer to Jesus
– and for Jesus sake

⑤ The Gift of the Spirit

v.15 If you love Me, you will keep My commandments
- love of christ ⇒ obedience to Christ

"Why do you call me, "Lord, Lord," but do not do what I say? Lk. 6:46

"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments and His commandments are not burdensome" 1 John 5:3
- commandment ἐντολή Keeping is NOT perfunctory law keeping

★ BUT the result of Love ἀγαπάω
- Keeping His commands is an outward examination that reveals inward love: loyalty
- Also, we are under Jesus' commandments ἐντολή

– No one else
– NOT moses commandments

v.16 And I will pray to the Father, and He will give
δίδωμι = Gift giving
- another result of us loving Jesus (Christ, was Keeping His comm.)

– is that Jesus gives us a gift

★ This is a very unique gift

v.16 He will give you another (ἄλλος) παράκλητος (Helper, Advocate) that He may abide w/ you forever.
- "another" has two meanings in the Greek

ἕτερος = another of a different kind
ἄλλος = another of the same kind

- Jesus is going to give us a gift called the Helper/Advocate...

★ That is just like Him
- in fact, this word παράκλητος is very unique and only found 5x and only in John's writings
John 14:16, 14:26, 15:26, 16:7, 1John 2:1
- Typically translated as:
the Helper, or the Advocate
(less accurately called the Comforter)
- The word is actually used for Jesus Himself in 1 John 2:1 !!

"If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous

★ So, what does παράκλητος actually mean?
- The best, albeit verbose, explanation: (using scholars, contempory Lit, etc)
  - A high powered legal attorney to provide top notch counsel everywhere you go and in court
  - in the 1st century, the poor could never afford a παράκλητος
  - He was only for the very rich
  - He, this attorney, could get you out of any court trouble
  - they would follow their employer/client everywhere and provide perfect help in time of need

v.17-18 He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, it cannot see Him or know Him, but you can know Him, for He will dwells in you and will be in you... I told you I will not leave you like orphans. I will come to you.
- more on that next week.