

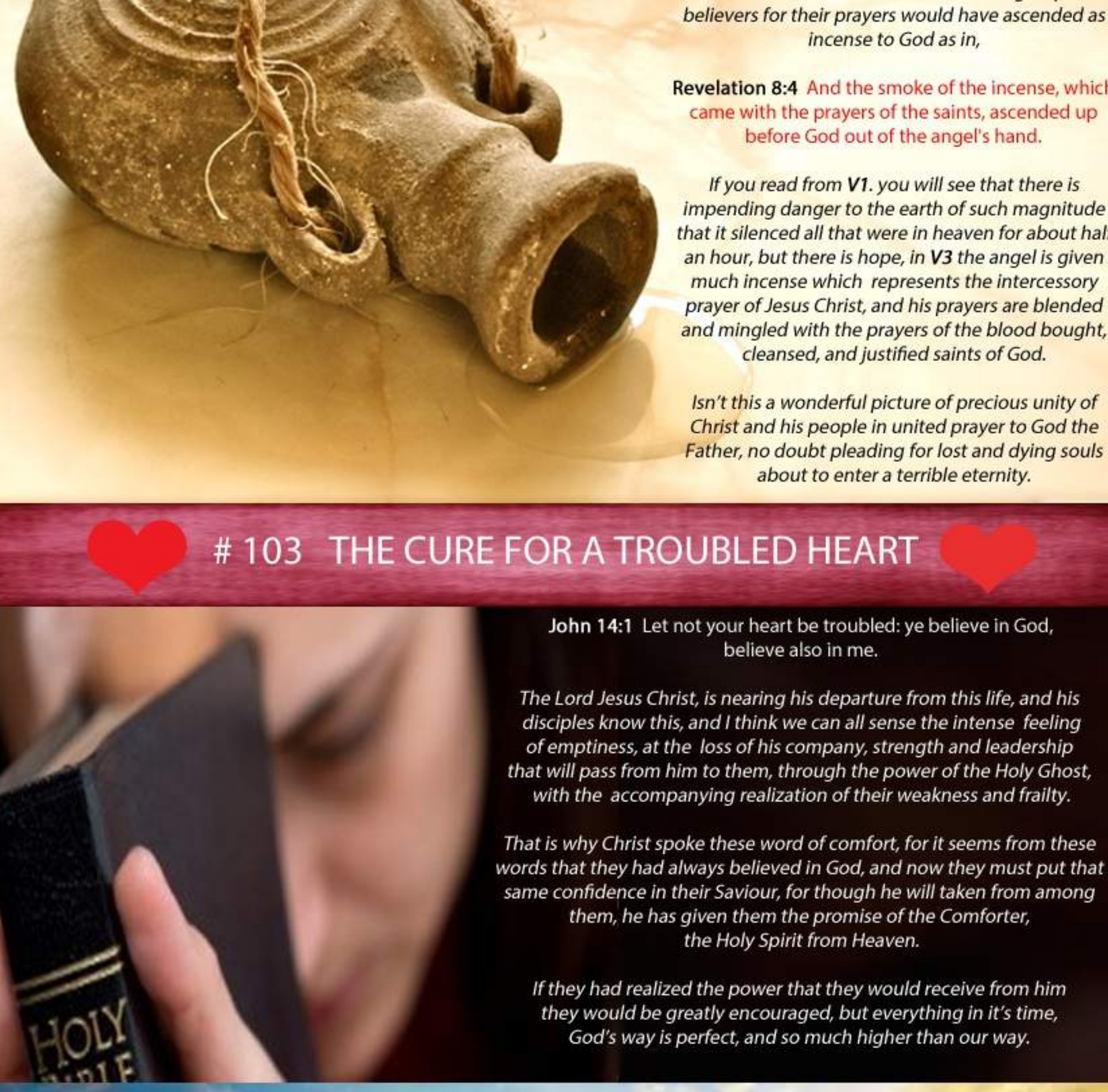
Psalms 133:2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

This precious ointment was mixed by the apothecaries to a standard set by God, and wasn't to be used for any other purpose than he stipulated, but when it was used it was to be used liberally. This reminds me of the anointing of Jesus head in,

Mark 14:3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head.

This wonderful Christ was moved by the Holy Spirit to seek Christ out and use this very expensive and precious ointment to anoint the Lord Jesus Christ for his burial, and it remains to this day as a memorial to her generous and kind act toward her Saviour.

Mark 14:9 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.



AARON'S ANOINTING

The blessing on any group of unnamed worshippers, well known of God, was being compared to the anointing of Aaron for service to the Lord. The oil was poured copiously down his beard and onto the skirts of his robe and the perfume of this precious oil would have filled the room.

The same can be said of this devoted group of believers for their prayers would have ascended as incense to God as in,

Revelation 8:4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

If you read from V1. you will see that there is impending danger to the earth of such magnitude that it silenced all that were in heaven for about half an hour, but there is hope, in V3 the angel is given much incense which represents the intercessory prayer of Jesus Christ, and his prayers are blessed and mingled with the prayers of the blood bought, cleansed, and justified saints of God.

Isn't this a wonderful picture of precious unity of Christ and his people in united prayer to God the Father, no doubt pleading for lost and dying souls about to enter a terrible eternity.

103 THE CURE FOR A TROUBLED HEART

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

The Lord Jesus Christ, is nearing his departure from this life, and his disciples know this, and I think we can all sense the intense feeling of emptiness, at the loss of his company, strength and leadership that will pass from him to them, through the power of the Holy Ghost, with the accompanying realization of their weakness and frailty.

That is why Christ spoke these words of comfort, for it seems from these words that they had always believed in God, and now they must put that same confidence in their Saviour, for though he will taken from among them, he has given them the promise of the Comforter, the Holy Spirit from Heaven.

If they had realized the power that they would receive from him they would be greatly encouraged, but everything in it's time, God's way is perfect, and so much higher than our way.

JEHOVAH'S PRESENT ESTABLISHMENT

John 14:2 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.

This word "house" means a residence, a family home in heaven where Christ is honoured and worshipped, and there is a multitude of these mansions there, and this word cannot be explained, for we can't, there is nothing on earth like it, with the assurance that none of the blood bought children of God will miss out.

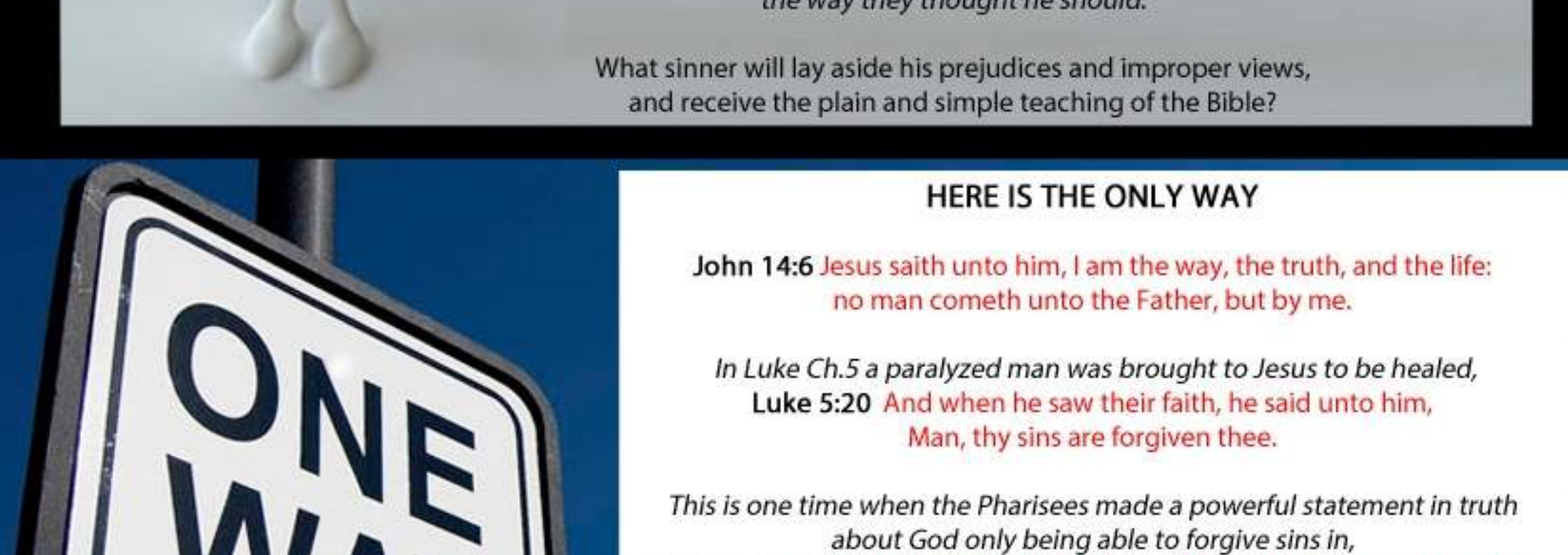
THE WONDERFUL PREPARATION

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

This "if" doesn't have any doubt attached to it because it is a certainty, as sure as his return.

Have you ever contemplated that it took Jehovah Elohim, our Creator God, six days to complete all the stars, suns and moons, in that great expanse of the heavens, and all the richness of his creation on this earth.

And it is 2,000 years since the Lord Jesus spoke these words of prophecy to his disciples and us, to encourage everyone who believes and trusts him, that the eternal life, and the glorified body, and the robe of pure righteousness of Christ and his glory are only the beginning of the marvels of Heaven.



THE GLORIES OF HEAVEN

For if he has been all this time preparing this marvelous place for you and me, putting the finishing touches we would say, what must be the glories beyond our comprehension.

1Co 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Jesus Christ so often quoted to Satan, "It is written," and it applies here, he has promised sights and sounds that will thrill our souls beyond comprehension.

It is wonderful to see and hear Andre Rieu, the famous violin player, and his orchestra, but that is nothing to the wonders of heavenly places and the purity of the voices that sing the praises of God, accompanied by the finest of instrumental harmony. For our human hearts would burst from the perfection of praise and love we would experience from our true God, if it wasn't for the glorified bodies given at the resurrection of the saints.

THERE NEVER WILL BE ANOTHER WAY

John 14:4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

The Lord Jesus had just said; "14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions.... I go to prepare a place for you."

But the mind of Thomas is set on the here and now, and the promise of a mansion in the sky, let alone how to get there was beyond the scope of his understanding just yet.

The way he knew, for he was standing before him, yet he doesn't make the connection. Has this entered your heart?



IGNORANCE ISN'T BLISS

John 14:5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

It seems that all the disciples were in the same mind, and this time Thomas is the group speaker and not Peter, for it seems sure that their minds are still set on an earthly kingdom. Are we not all full of earthly prejudice and consider that we have it all worked out for the future, and how Christ will return.

Are our prejudices any better than those just before the coming of our Saviour to the world, for even after he came they stuck to their ideas of how he should come, and refused him just because he didn't come from the place they thought he should or the way they thought he should.

What sinner will lay aside his prejudices and improper views, and receive the plain and simple teaching of the Bible?



HERE IS THE ONLY WAY

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

In Luke Ch.5 a paralyzed man was brought to Jesus to be healed, **Luke 5:20** And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

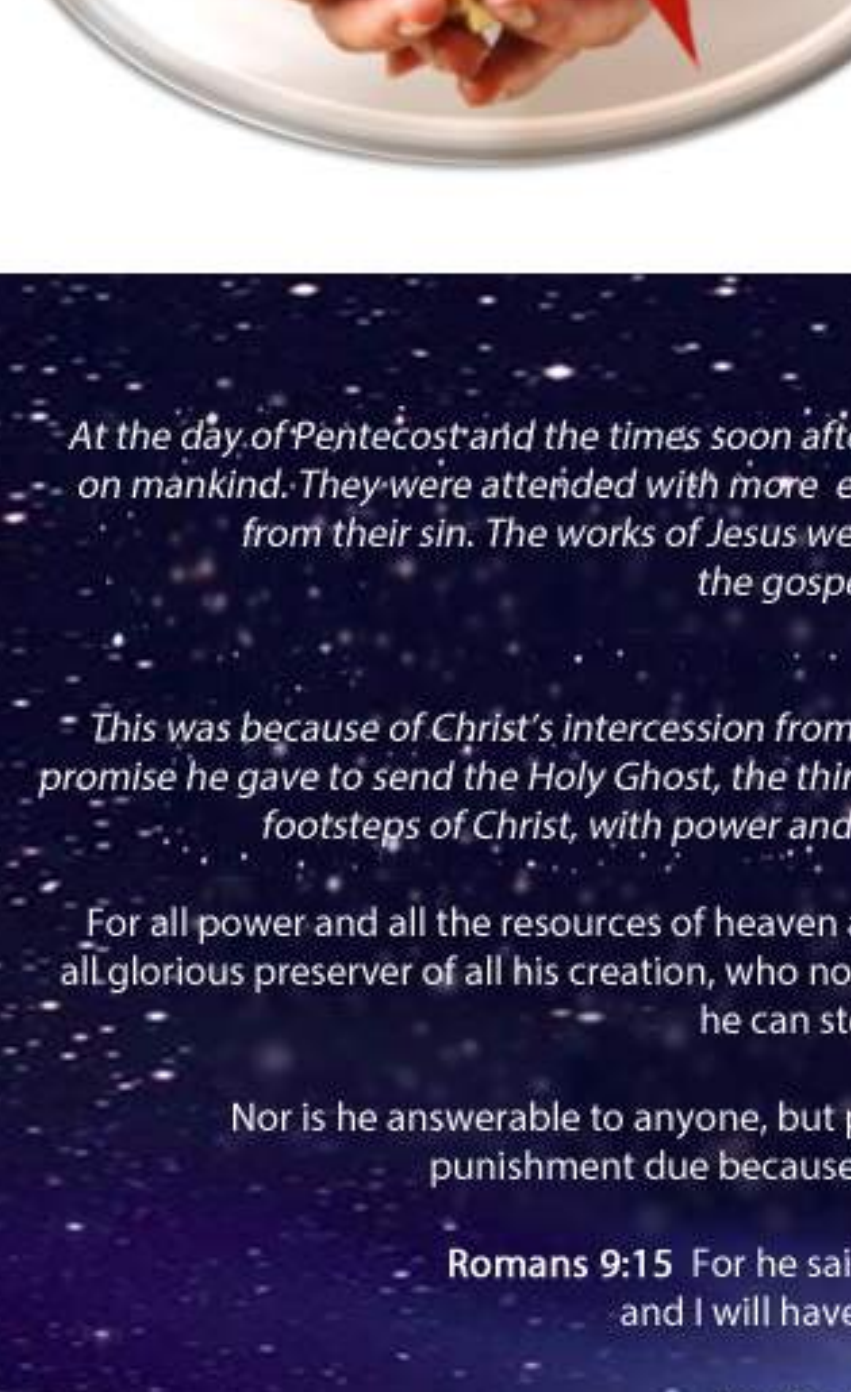
This is one time when the Pharisees made a powerful statement in truth about God only being able to forgive sins in,

Luke 5:21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

Without realizing it they were acknowledging that Jesus Christ was God, for he gives us proof in,

Matt 9:6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

Those who Christ heals he cleanses and makes them fit for heaven, and no man can say this statement unless he have the Amen of heaven.

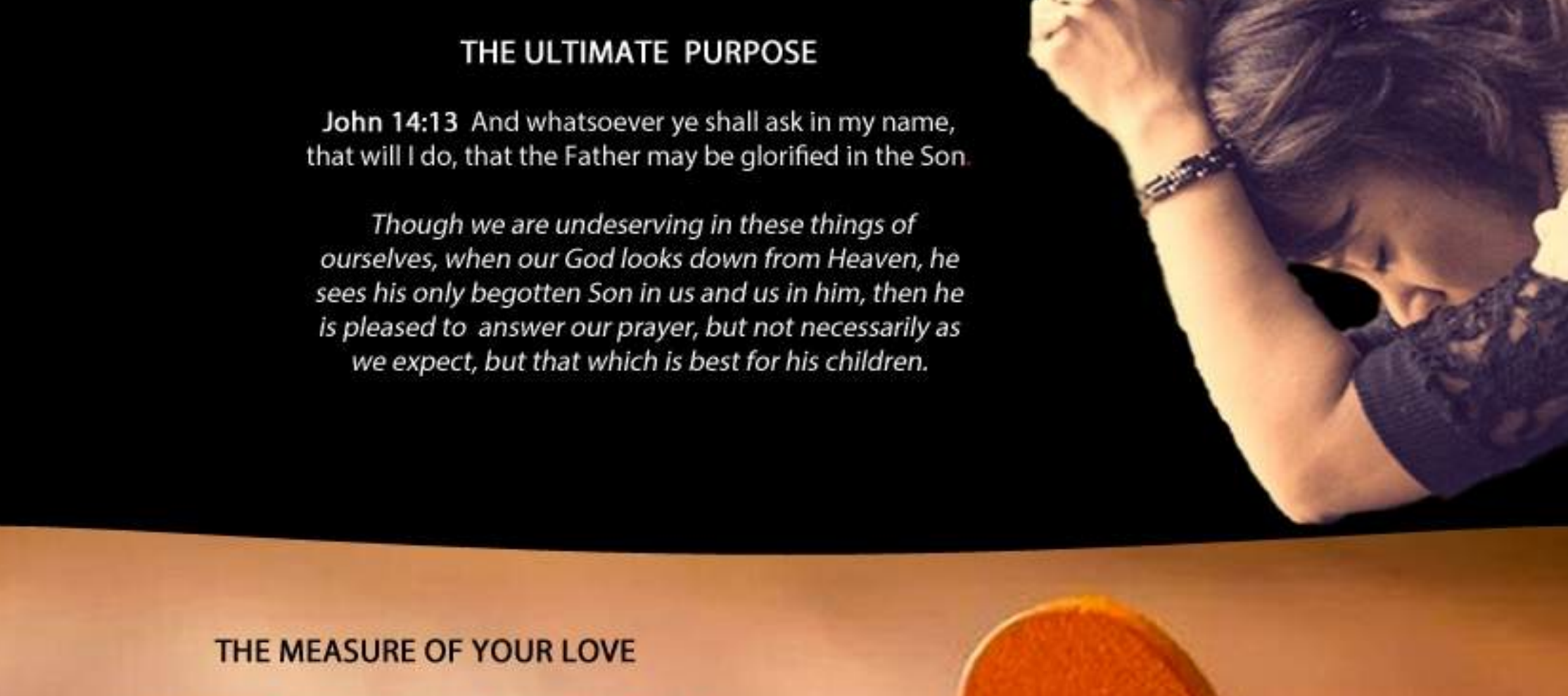


YOUR EYES SHALL BE OPENED

John 14:7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also; and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

"If ye had known me"; that is, more fully and perfectly; for they knew Christ to be the Son of God, the Saviour of the world, and true Messiah is certain, but did not fully understand that he was to die and be raised from the dead.

But after the resurrection and resurrection they realized his personal power, authority and office, were of his Father.



FALTERING PHILIP

John 14:8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

Philip just couldn't get hold of the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ and God the Father are one. The Westminster Confession of Faith gives a good description stating:

"there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Ghost, and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. 1John 5:7

This is not surprising because many people today, though we have all the evidence in the New Testament still cant seem to accept what Christ so clearly taught.

Remembering that all scripture is given by inspiration, that is, "from the mouth of God," and cannot be denied, or explained away.



LONG TIME NO SEE

John 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

Time sometimes shows little improvement in spiritual growth, the knowledge of the most holy seems to elude them, and I think we can all see the problem that Philip had, for this was new doctrine, new horizons to take in, the mind has to be stretched beyond the ordinary and physical, to progress from the earthly to the spiritual, Christ is saying, "surely you can see the perfections of the Godhead in me."

What a wonderful testimony we have from a man that had never seen Jesus Christ before in,

John 9:32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.

V:33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.

A SIMPLE ACT OF FAITH

John 14:11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very fathers' sake.

Often we hear people say, I believe this or that is right or truth, but it might be only their own interpretation, or bias. Yet when Jesus Christ speaks we can be assured that there is no other way, no other truth, for Jesus tells in,

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

There cannot be any misunderstanding here unless a person purposely rebels against the Inspired Word of the Living God, and on the authority of God's Word, this will bring sure and severe punishment when you stand before Christ on judgement day.

THE TRANSFERRING OF GIFTS

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

The word "verily" means truly truly, or truthfully truthfully, a double injunction, and in Bible study there is a directive that the more times a word or saying is used the more important it is to take notice and to obey.

So then there is the double assurance that there is visible evidence in a person's spiritual walk that they truly believe in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary.

GREATER IN EXTENT

At the day of Pentecost and the times soon after there was seen greater works in their effects. They made a deeper impression on mankind. They were attended with more extensive results. They were the means of the conversion of more precious souls from their sin. The works of Jesus were confined to Judea, but in obedience to the last command of Christ, the gospel was taken to all the nations of the world.

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This was because of Christ's intercession from heaven. Without this no man can fulfill his duty on earth, and the result of the promise he gave to send the Holy Ghost, the third person of the Trinity, who would fill the disciples and those who followed in the footsteps of Christ, with power and ability, to clothe them in humility and strength to fulfill their calling.

For all power and all the resources of heaven are at his command, he is JEHOVAH ELSHADDI, God Almighty, the all sufficient, all glorious preserver of all his creation, who nourishes us with all good things, so that when the normal supplies of the flesh fail he can step in to sustain us, or heal us as he sees fit.

Nor is he answerable to anyone, but performs his own will and purposes in all things, saving some from the punishment due because of their sin, others leaving them in rebellion and unbelief.

Romans 9:15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

For the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.

THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE

John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Though we are undeserving in these things of ourselves, when our God looks down from Heaven, he sees his only begotten Son in us and us in him, then he is pleased to answer our prayer, but not necessarily as we expect, but that which is best for his children.

THE MEASURE OF YOUR LOVE

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Profession without proof is vain, for the children of Christ are required to show that they love him supremely by yielding to all he says, and by patiently doing his will, having a desire to see the salvation of souls, in the face of ridicule and opposition.

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