



God will make his home in us

John 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?"

23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

It's difficult to overestimate the impact of Jesus' words here.

1. Access to God in the Old Testament

- Restricted, limited
- Hebr 9:7 "but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. 8By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing"

- Prophets- mouthpieces of God. Jeremiah, Ezekiel. Access restricted to a few.

2. Access to God in the New Testament

Suddenly...

John 14 “we will come to him and make our home with him.”

21 “And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

John 15 “Abide in me, and I in you.”

Both are true: We are at home in God and God lives in us.

3. God making his home in us

2 Cor 6:16 "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

1 John 2:24 “If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father.”

- Healthy homes- places of safety, replenishment, refuge, laughter, training, discipline.
- Peaceful but not always quiet!

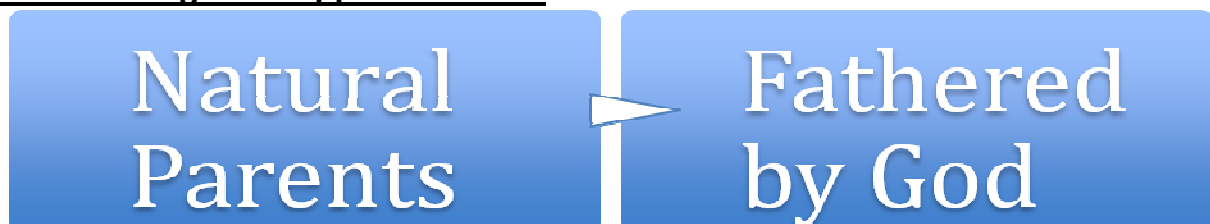
God doesn't just speak to us, we become the location for his affection.

4. Implications of the Father making his home in us.

- We are no longer orphans

Vs 18 “I will not leave you as orphans”

5. How things are supposed to look



Ps 78:4, 2 Tim 3:15, Eph 6:4

6. How things often look



Many of our us experienced a “gap”: Physical/ emotional gap or instruction/guidance.

Leaves us feeling “cast adrift”, set our own boundaries, “try harder” to do the right things.

Judg 17:6 “In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit”
Gal 3:2

Filling the gap: Own boundaries/rules, figure things out for ourselves, independence

<u>Indicators of self-parenting</u>
Internal moral code
Over-responsible
Intolerance of personal mistakes
Vulnerability to criticism
Looking for affirmation from father figures

Net result= disappointment with ourselves

7. How things can look: independence - dependence.



Find home in God.

“ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”
1 Peter 2:25

2 Cor 3:18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

The message of Jesus is that you no longer have to find your own way.

We no longer rely on ourselves

“and so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God and God in him.” 1Jn4:16

8. What happens when God makes His home with us?

i) Guidance

John 16:13 “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.

ii) Discipline. He sets the boundaries, instructs and trains.

Hebr 12:7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? 8 If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.

Not our job to punish ourselves- God disciplines.

He sets the boundaries now. We “keep his words” Vs 24.

iii) Peace.

Jn 14:27 “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid”