

# My Father's House

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## Introduction

Recently a friend of ours asked the question: “What are your thoughts on the Scripture verses in which Yahshua told His disciples about Father’s House and that He would prepare a place for them?” The Scripture verses she referred to are one of the very last teachings that Yahshua gave His disciples and are recorded in the book of John chapter 14.

John 14:1-3 *“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in Elohim, believe also in me. 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 unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”*

Many, like our friend, may also have wondered what or where is our Father’s House? Most people think it to be heaven, just outside of this realm of time and space, there where the dead are supposed to come to life, some sort of a spiritual place, but is this so? Why then does Yahshua need time to prepare a place for us? Why then is it not already there and if that place is indeed ready, where then is He to receive us unto Himself, as He promised to do?

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Before Yahshua started to tell us about His Father’s House, He began with the following statement:

John 14:1 *“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in Elohim, believe also in me.”*

This simple statement, given at the end of His ministry and directed at that time to His close disciples, but also to those throughout the ages, summarises the purpose of His ministry. We will come to understand that His admonition *“Let not your heart be troubled”* is a figure of speech, it is telling us that in order to have a pure heart, which is not clouded nor disturbed, we need not only believe on the Father, but also in Him.

But what is *“believe in Elohim”* and *“also in Him”*?

Let us have a look at the word ‘believe’.

The word ‘believe’ is a wonderful word. Most people immediately assume that they are required to ‘do’ something in order ‘to believe’, though that is not so. The word ‘believe’ reflects a state of mind which requires no action from you but is revealed to you. I have just recently written a 3 page paper on this beautiful word<sup>1</sup>. In summary of this article the word ‘believe’ means, be-love or be united, as to be aware that you are One with Him. This word ‘believe’ reflects His Sovereignty of His Body and His Mind to you in such a way that you know Him to be You. To the flesh mind this is blasphemy of the highest order and indeed it

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<sup>1</sup> The article ‘Believe’ can be downloaded [www.returning-home.net/Believe.pdf](http://www.returning-home.net/Believe.pdf)

was for this very reason that Yahshua was killed. On the ground of this blasphemy the Jews sought to kill His flesh (see John 10:30-33), though by His death He could give us access to Life. When this truth of Him being You is revealed to you, this supposed blasphemy will kill your flesh too. However, His Sovereign consciousness in you will become your greatest gift, the gift of Life and this is the gift which will be given to all of His people.

Firstly the people of Israel will come to know that they are Spirit and thus the Spirit Father “*ye believe in Elohim*”, then they will manifest Him in the flesh, which can only be done by the Son, “*believe also in me*”.

So, the purpose of Yahshua’s words in John 14 is stated in the opening verse and paraphrased it says: “*Have a clear mind, you are to become the manifested Father, through Me*”.

These words reflect the desire of all Christians and Yahshua tells us how this will be accomplished in the following verse.

John 14:2 “*In **my Father’s house** are many mansions...*”

In our modern language a house is understood to be a building, though the true meaning of the word ‘house’ is much wider. In the primary sense a house is a covering. It is the one who provides this covering, the owner thus, who takes care, protects and rules over all who are part of his house. A House could thus be described as an entity where ‘Will’ is exercised, where one makes ‘Covenants’ and so, where anyone belonging to that House is taken care of. This is confirmed by the Hebrew word picture of the word for ‘house’, which is Strong’s 1004 בַּיִת *bayith* and which shows that: ‘within’ (a place) or inside (ב) one makes (י) ‘Covenants’ (ת) or exercises ‘Will’. When Yahshua talked about His Father’s House, He was talking about the one House where His Father ex-ercises and executes His Will and wherein He makes Covenants which is right here in His Creation, within this realm of time and space. That House is the House of Israel and to bring that House into His Glory is the only true purpose of His Ministry.

Matthew 15:24 “*But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*”

The House of Isra-El is our Father’s House, indeed the place where El rules (Isra) and His Will is executed (House).

John 14:2 “*In my Father’s house are **many mansions**....*”

In His House are indeed many abodes, they are His mansions. These mansions, or dwelling places, are the bodies of each and every one of His people. They are perfectly designed before time began. These mansions are wonderful dwelling places, they are differently built, and there are no two the same. Their geographical setting and historical placement have long been determined and, as they all belong to His House, each mansion answers to the full extent of His Will. Because they ‘belong’ to His House each mansion is His dwelling place.

John 14:2 “*...if it were not so, I would have told you...*”

No two mansions are built the same, they are all built for different purposes. For the occupant each stone proposes a character trait, a personality aspect, every beam an encouragement, every window a desire, every door an opportunity, every room a talent and every floor a level of understanding. Every mansion in His House is perfect because they are the result of His Will and answer fully to His Covenants, however they are as yet limited in their purpose. And their purpose is that they become living mansions, they need to be engaged, they need to be occupied. His Will in His House needs to live to the fullness of Him and, as all these dwelling places are wonderfully different, and so many, there is no same way wherein they can be occupied or engaged. If there was, *"I would have told you..."*

John 14:2 *"...I go to prepare a place for you"*

When Yahshua said: *"I go to prepare a place for you"*, He did not tell them that He would work to build them places somewhere 'outside' of them, beyond their reach, somewhere in the afterlife. No, He told them that He would now work inside of them to bring them to their potential to bring them in the consciousness that they are the mansions, to bring them Home, to bring them into His Rest, everyone to his own place.

This takes time and 'His preparation' is our time in the flesh and on this earth. Through Him a place for us will be prepared, our mansion will be occupied, our body will be glorified. We come to see that the stones of our body/mansion are made of His Character, His Personality, that the beams are the expressions of His Love strengthened in His Laws, that the windows fill the desires of our heart, the doors give access to Life, the rooms His full reward and the floors His ever expanding Glory. The preparation is His work within us, to be revealed by Him, that this mansion is His' and we are Him, and this preparation takes our 'lifetime'.

When we start to see our building we are coming Home, we begin to know that we are His House, the House of Isra-El, which means 'The Place where El Rules'. Then we come to see that both Good and Evil were stepping stones, marking our separation, that this separation could never come home by itself, but that we needed to die in Him who made 'good and evil' full, who completed the Law for us. Us, who were separated to come into Life.

Every one of His People need to die in Him in order to see the place He has prepared. His preparation is His Rest. We come to see that through our works we could not come into His Glory and so we learned that by 'believe'. This is the process of our dying and of His Rest. When our death is completed we see the prepared place, we see that we are in the Father through the Son, then we believe, then we are back Home.

Then the day has come wherein His admonition *'ye believe in Elohim, believe also in me'*, given to us in verse 1, has come true because:

John 14:20 *"At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you"*.

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