

Thinking about the Father's House will bring divine peace and perspective to us



In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. John 14:2

The Father's House

Ever since the eighth day festival at the end of Sukkot this year I've been thinking about the Father's House. This coming new heavens and new earth is a major focus of this eighth day festival. Yeshua refers to the Father's House in John 14:2 and seems to give us pastoral counsel that meditating on the

Father's House (the New Jerusalem) will be a part of helping to keep us from having a troubled heart. In many ways this seems counterintuitive. In the past I have avoided telling people to think about heaven when they were in a time of great difficulty. I thought it would be perceived as being a trite and callous answer that would keep me from connecting with and relating to the pain the other person was feeling.

To the contrary, Yeshua links the revelation of the New Jerusalem right after admonishing His followers not to let their hearts be troubled. Yeshua as the wisest Teacher knows what we as His sheep need to focus on in times of difficulty. While I have not yet intentionally shared this concept with those going through great trial, I have begun to increase the time I personally spend reading, and praying about this coming reality. Two weeks ago, for the first time in my life, I led one of our Zoom prayer times through Revelation 21--this chapter gives descriptions of the New Jerusalem. It was surprisingly enjoyable and stimulating as we slowed down and prayerfully talked with the LORD about what we were reading.

Tomorrow I will share a bit more about the Father's House and explain the box image above the globe with this email. I believe that as we corporately look at this topic that there will be benefit that comes to us. As we prayerfully think and talk to Him more diligently about this coming reality, I believe YHWH has greater wisdom, peace, and joy to help us in whatever we're facing.