

Meditating on the Father's house is meant to give us joy and perspective in our present challenges



Yeshua: "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

I remember an Audio Adrenaline song called *Big House* from many years ago that had the lyrics:

*Come and go with me to my Father's house
It's a big, big house with lots and lots of room
A big, big table with lots and lots of food
A big, big yard where we can play football
A big, big house; it's my Father's house*

This song and more generally thinking about the Father's house where Yeshua declares that His people will be with Him forever is meant to get us excited and give us hope and perspective in the here and now. Some of my favorite sermons that I've given have been when I was able to look at the Scriptures and talk about what they say about the Millennium and the age to come. I even found myself getting excited last night as Åsa shared her insights related to this topic with Steve and me on a zoom call.

It seems to innately be bad pastoral counsel to share with someone who is hurting to meditate more about the Father's house and the age to come. But, Yeshua doesn't shy away from linking us as His people not having a troubled heart with meditating on the Father's house (see John 14:1-2). I have seen this positive effect in my own life, and so I somewhat trepidatiously am committed to stepping out more in faith and encourage those who are struggling to follow this pastoral counsel from Yeshua.

If we fix our focus more intently and intentionally on the days to come in the Father's house, we will live differently in the present age. Our momentary light affliction of this present age is working in us an eternal weight of glory (2 Cor 4:14-18). This passage is again linked to us having our focus set on the age to come and on the things that we can't presently see.

In closing, I haven't really shared clearly what the Father's house is--is it referring to the millennial temple, the new Jerusalem, "heaven," or something else? Tomorrow we will look at this more closely. I'm excited to look more at this passage and to meditate on this topic and hope you are too.