

## **SERMON**

**DATE:** Saturday - Sunday, March 7-8, 2020

**SERIES: WHY GOD SENT HIS SON**

**SERMON:** Securing Our Future

### **John 14:1-11 NIV**

[1] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

[2] My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

[3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

[4] You know the way to the place where I am going.”

[5] Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

[6] Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

[7] If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

[8] Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

[9] Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

[10] Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

[11] Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

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## **God sent His Son . . .**

**1. To show us the Father.**

**2. To give us a home.**

- Jesus Christ is now preparing places for all true believers, and each place will be beautiful.
- Heaven is a real, loving, and exclusive place.

**3. To provide a way.**

- There is only ONE way, but this way is for everyone.

**4. To lead us to truth.**

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You have a lot to think about. We all do.

From the upcoming presidential and congressional elections, to the economy, to the coronavirus - we all have a lot on our minds.

Let me remind you that with all illness, cleanliness is the best solution - both at home and at church. At church we are going to continue to keep everything as clean and disinfected as possible. Our practice at First Baptist Church from day one in this new building has been to use disinfectant on all surfaces, particularly handrails and doorknobs. At the present time, we are even doing this more frequently.

If we all are diligent in our personal hygiene, and in our homes, it will go a long way towards keeping ourselves free of illness.

This is obviously a good time to teach our children about cleanliness, but it is not a time to panic and spook our children. They need to hear that you are going to take care of them and that "we will be fine." Things worse than the coronavirus can happen if we don't encourage and reassure the people around us. I used to tell our children that "I will worry about that so that you don't have to." Children need to know that you will do the job God gave to you.

With that in mind, let me give you some suggestions.

- Trust God and depend on Him. Don't be anxious about anything but be prayerful about everything. *Philippians 4*
- Encourage others and always be ready to give a reason for the hope you have in Christ. *1 Peter 3*
- Love everyone and seek the best for all the people of the world.

**When we think of God, we really have a lot to think about - and it's all wonderful!** *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1.*