



Sermon Notes — Pastor Thomas Keys, SRMBC

Wisdom—The Principle Thing III: Jesus The Way of Wisdom Scriptures: John 14: 1—14

INTRODUCTION

Warren Buffet is one of the greatest investors in our day. Every year, Buffet auctions off a three-hour lunch date to benefit Glide. Last year, he had lunch with 28-year-old Justin Sun, founder of cryptocurrency platform Tron and CEO of BitTorrent. Sun's winning bid for lunch with the Oracle of Omaha was **\$4,567,888**. The reason business leaders pay so much is that they believe the price is worth it just to be in the presence of Warren Buffet – to hear his wisdom on investing and get him to invest in their company or product.

Here's what I want you to think about. What if there was an entrance fee to receive the wisdom that leads a person from earth to heaven? What do you think the entrance fee would be? If there was an entrance fee to Heaven no one would get there. O but there is One Person – who has paid the entrance fee to heaven and is the source of wisdom – and if we would just have a little talk with Jesus ...

SERMON POINTS

Today, beloved we are concluding our short sermon series on Wisdom - The Principle Thing. If there is one that this world, the country, the church, and that all of us individually need – it's wisdom. And not just human or worldly wisdom – but, the wisdom that come from the Creator and Sustainer of everything.

So, as we get to the 14th chapter of John, Jesus is at the point of getting ready to go to the Cross – to But afterwards He would rise again from the grave, go back to His Father and ultimately return for them (and for us). In other words, things are going to get a lot worse before it gets better. Sensing their sadness and disappointment – Jesus gives them a sure hope and instructions on the way to find the wisdom needed make through the toughest of times.

So, what I want to do in this message is the show us how following Jesus' wisdom will show us the way to **Comfort** the way to the **Father** and to the way to **Powerful Living**.

I. Jesus, The Way To Peaceful Comfort (vv. 1–4)

Normally this passage is used to comfort those of us who have lost loved ones. Yet here we see Jesus comforting His disciples - **on His departure**. Jesus lets us know - that although He would not physically be with them – they could trust Him, because Jesus is God and equal with the Father. I want to let somebody know that whatever is going on in your life, you can trust Word, the Ways and the Wisdom of Jesus to comfort you no matter what you are going through.

Additionally, the comfort that Jesus' wisdom provides is the assurance that we have in the promises that He makes for our future. You have the assurance of being in the place and the position in the Father's House – that Jesus has been spending the last 2000 years preparing - Just for you.

On January 10, 2003, a young man named Terry Drier was in the water twenty hours after his boat had capsized. He felt certain that he was going to die. After that long while, a helicopter located him, and sent word to a ship on its way to the Persian Gulf. The name of the ship was the **USS Comforter**. Many people today are treading water, and they don't know how much longer they can hang in there. People are tired and feel like all is lost, but Jesus the God of all comfort is on the way!

II. Jesus, The Way To A Perfect Father (vv. 5–11)

When Jesus proclaims that disciples should know that way He is going, Thomas asks, "How can we know the Way?" Jesus responds, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no one comes to the Father but by Me." And Then Phillip asked, "Jesus show us the Father and that will be enough." Jesus says I am In the Father and if you really want to know the Father – you've got to know/believe in Me!" (Do you know Him?).

Beloved Jesus' main purpose was/is to manifest the God as our heavenly Father. In fact, the NT refers to God as Our Father **154 times**. Even in these 14 verses of John Chapter 14 God the Father is mentioned 13 times, **21 times** in this chapter, alone. O, Beloved, the most important thing in your life is to be known by the Father through being saved by knowing Jesus. You know when I was little, I didn't look much like the rest of the family But as I got older, when my hair got thinner and my body got fuller – I starting looking just like my Dad.

And Jesus – Heals the sick, He raises the dead, He loves us with an everlasting love, provides all our needs, **just like His Father**. Jesus shows us that God is a Good, Good, Father. And we loved by Him.—that’s who we are And He is perfect in all of His ways – Perfect wisdom, Perfect Love and Perfect Peace ... And when we know Jesus, we know Our Good, Good, Father.

In the movie, “Overcomer”, Thomas Hill a man who had lost his sight and was losing his kidneys because of diabetes and drug abuse,. Thomas was saved by Jesus and reunited with his long-lost daughter Hannah. Hannah was a cross – country runner for her high school and was competing in state championship -on the same course her dad had run years ago. Although Thomas could not see or be on the course with his daughter as she was running, was able to record instructions for Hannah timed to meet her at different parts of the course. All Hannah needed to do was to listen for His voice and do what He said and she would finish the race strong!!! Somebody here has been going a tough time, but Jesus is saying that you need to keep running – keep praying, keep singing and serving, forgiving because your Father is cheering you on!!!

III. Jesus, the Way to Powerful Living (vv. 12 – 14)

We looked at how following Jesus’ wisdom lead us to peaceful comfort and to the knowledge of our Perfect Father, O, but her is the thing that I really want to preach about - Following Jesus wisdom will lead us to Powerful living. I remember watching He – Man cartoons. In each episode, Prince Adam of Eternia would raise his sword and proclaim “By the power of Grayskull ...” “Once the transformation was to He-Man complete, he would continue, “...I have the power!”

And beloved the moment we are saved trusting Jesus and His work on the cross and in His resurrection – We are filled with the Power of the Holy Ghost. That’s why I am not a victim – but a victor. I am not oppressed, but I am an overcomer – more than a conqueror in Christ Jesus! But not only does Jesus say we will do the works that He did – but He says that we will do greater works – and that if we ask anything in Jesus’ Name He will do it for the Father’s Glory. But you may ask “How can we do the same works that Jesus did and even **greater works ...?**

First, during Jesus’ earthly ministry only traveled a radius of few miles in Palestine. But the Church is now able spread the Gospel around the world. Second, Jesus healed and raised people from dead, but eventually they died again. But when we preach the gospel and people hear it and believe, their lives are eternally changed.

As close, I need to let you know that in this life we will face all kinds of trouble – and most of the time we will need a person with some wisdom that get us out of trouble. For example, when a man gets in trouble with the law, he doesn’t want a law book. The law book is important but what he really needs is a lawyer. The lawyer is needed to reflect the law that is written in the book because the book, without the representative, a lawyer, is just information.

When a woman is sick, she wants more than just a medical book; she wants a doctor. Because only a doctor knows what to prescribe and the best way to heal And when it comes to sin, death, and the grave – God sent us a Word to save, but just Word would not be enough – so He also sent a Jesus – The Jesus has personification of the Word:

- ◆ In The Beginning Was The Word and The Word Was God
- ◆ And The Word Was With God
- ◆ And The Word Became Flesh And Dwelt Among Us
- ◆ And The Word Shed His Blood For Us. Died For Us Was Buried For Us And Rose From The Grave For Us
- ◆ And Now He’s A Lawyer In The Courtroom And Doctor In The Sick Room - and His Name is Jesus

And Jesus is the Only way to the Father and the Way of Wisdom. If you want to know the Way of Wisdom Follow after Jesus and you will find comfort, know the Father and live a powerful life.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- ◆ What heart-troubling situations are you facing where you need Jesus’ comfort?
- ◆ How does the knowledge of the promise of Jesus to bring you to the Father’s Eternal House give you hope for today?
- ◆ Jesus said that We can ask anything of the Father and He will do it? What does that mean? What do you need to ask for today?
- ◆ What is Jesus calling you to do in order to demonstrate “powerful living” to those around you?