



The Father's House

- Many mansions
- He will go and prepare a place
- "Therefore if the mansions in God the Father's home had not been many in number, He would have said that He was going on before them, namely to prepare beforehand the habitations of the saints: but knowing that there are many such, already fully prepared and awaiting the arrival of those who love God, He says that He will depart not for this purpose, but for the sake of securing the way to the mansions above, to prepare a passage of safety for you, and to smooth the path that was impassable in old time." (St. Cyril of Alexandria)

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- He will come again and receive us to Himself
- "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself..." (Jn. 14:3)
- Where He is, there we will be
- "...that where I am, there you may be also." (Jn. 14:3)

Drawing Near to Him

- "Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." (Heb. 10:19-22)
- A true heart
- Full assurance of faith
- Without an evil conscience
- A pure body

Warning

- Do not make common that which is Holy
- For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people." 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (Heb. 10:26-31)



Summary

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 - There are many mansions
 - He will go and prepare a place
 - He will come again and receive us to Himself
 - Where He is, there we will be
- How to draw near to Him so we may have a share in His Father's house?
 - A true heart
 - Full assurance of faith
 - Without an evil conscience
 - A pure body
- Warning: Do not make common that which is Holy