Looking For God Sun Am 11/14/21

John 14:1-4 NKJV

14 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

2In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were* not *so,* I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

4And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

# 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 NKJV

# 16For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

# 17Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

# 1 Corinthians 15:23 NKJV

# 23But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ’s at His coming.

# 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 NKJV

# 51Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—

# 52in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

# 53For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

# 54So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

55“O Death, where *is* your sting? O Hades, where *is* your victory?”

56The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law.

57But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

# Revelation 2:1-8 NKJV

# 2 “To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, ‘These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:

#  2“I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;

# 3and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary.

# 4Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.

# 5Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

# 6But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

# 7“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.” ’

# 8“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write,

# ‘These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:

#  *Your first love should be God.*

# Revelation 1:8-11 NKJV

# 8“I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

9I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

10I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

11saying, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,” and, “What you see, write in a book and send *it* to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.”

 *I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Christian and are not.*

# Revelation 1:12-17 NKJV

# 12Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,

# 13and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

# 14His head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

# 15His feet *were* like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;

# 16He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength.

# 17And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

#  *They practiced and taught impure and immoral doctrines, such as the; community of wives, that committing adultery and fornication was not sinful. That eating meats offered to idols was lawful. This was similar to the doctrines of Balam and Jezebel of Thyatira.*

# Revelation 2:18-19 NKJV

# 18“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, ‘These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:

# 19“I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and *as* for your works, the last *are* more than the first.