

have indicated, is what He says to these disturbed disciples about the Father's House. They are the words with which thousands of God's people have braced themselves for their passage across the Valley of the Shadow. "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's House are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for *I Go to Prepare a Place for You*. And if I go and prepare a place for you, *I Come Again, and Will Receive You Unto Myself ;That Where I Am, There Ye May Be Also*". (14:1-3).

Before the beauty and comfort and heavenliness of these words, the heart is uplifted in adoration and praise. Under their spell, all doubt and unbelief and criticism steal away abashed. An infinite hunger of soul comes to us to catch the Faith and the Spirit and the Vision of Jesus Christ. To Him life was vastly bigger than the circle of this earth; and our souls strain forth to touch Him by a living faith, and to become sharers in that Life of unending sweep and eternal duration and universal range, with the Father's House as its centre and rallying point. Science dimly suggests infinite possibilities along these lines, until we strain eyes and ears for sight or sound of the upper zones of Life. But Jesus Christ stands before us with the calm confidence of the Man who knows; and tells us of the Father's House in the beyond; of His own going there; of His preparing for our reception in that Home; and of His coming again to bring us there to abide forever and forever.