

THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

CHAPTER 13:18-38

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"Living in The Hour of Denial" Part-1

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

John 13:18-38

The Opening Verses of John 13 Introduces us to the fact that Jesus Christ came to earth to be and to teach His followers that He was their Personal Servant...

John 13:15

"For I have given you an example,
that you should do as I have done to you.

The Jesus of the Bible is a Servant Master, a Servant Messiah, a Servant Lord and King... Even to the Point of Death

Romans 5:8

... 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

...And So We Saw Him As He Truly Is

"As Being the Lord of the Towel"

- As undeserving as we are – yet He came to us
- As rebellious as we can be – yet He desired to be among us
- As dirty as we have been – yet He cleansed us from our sins

1 John 1:8-9

**If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9
If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

The Foot Washing

**This Wasn't a Lesson in Personal or Public Hygiene
It was a Lesson About Extending Forgiveness and Love
and Acceptance Among One Another!**

Matthew 6:14-15

**"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive
you. 15 "But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father
forgive your trespasses.**

Verse 18-20

Serves Us a Great Link Between Two Eternal Truths

That God's People Enjoy the Forgiveness of Sin
and

That They are Followers of Jesus' Example
But There was a Shadow Among Those in that
Upper Room

Verse 18

"I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.'

"I do not speak concerning all of you

Referring to Verse 17

John 13:17

"If you know these things, blessed (or happy)
are you if you do them.

JUDAS WAS NOT HAPPY

HE WASN'T HAPPY ABOUT WHAT THE REAL JESUS WAS **TEACHING**,

HE WASN'T HAPPY ABOUT WHAT THE REAL JESUS WAS **DOING**,

HE WASN'T HAPPY ABOUT WHO THE REAL JESUS **WAS**

A Radical and Dramatic Revelation - A Prophecy

Verse 19-20

19 "Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He. 20 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

Living In the Hour of Denial

1.) God's Love Endures All Things

vv. 21-25

21 When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, **"Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."** 22 Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke. 23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. 24 Simon Peter therefore motioned to him (John) to ask who it was of whom He spoke. 25 Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, He (John) said to Jesus, "Lord, who is it?"

a.) denial causes pain and suffering

v.21

When Jesus had said these things, He was **troubled** in spirit, and testified and said, **"Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."**

With Broken Heart

**"He was troubled in spirit"
I say to you, one of you will betray Me."**

Understand – This Being “Trouble” Was Over the
Destination of Another Man’s Soul

It’s judas’ impending

pain and suffering that Jesus was grieved about

Verse 18

but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats bread with Me
has lifted up his heel against Me.'

Psalm 41:9

**Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.**

Judas was the Treasurer, Judas Listened to the Bread of Life,
Judas was Empowered and Sent out to do Miracles

Judas Here Lives Out Hebrews 6:4-6

For it is impossible for those **Hebrews 6:4-6** who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

Judas Took His Heel and Crushed the Heart of Christ

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b.) denial causes fear and doubt

v.22

Then the disciples **looked** at one another, **perplexed** about whom He spoke.

- * **Looked** grk 991 blepo (blep'-o);
To gaze at someone with guarded unbelief
- * **Perplexed** grk 639 aporeo (ap-or-eh'-o);
to realize that you have no way out, to be at a loss mentally to be in utter doubt, be to perplexed.

___ To be Stupefied ___

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24 Simon Peter therefore motioned to him (John) to ask who it was of whom He spoke.
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Matthew's Account Reads

Matthew 26:21-22

Now as they were eating, He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." 22
And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "**Lord, is it I?**"

Matthew 26:25

Then Judas, who was **(already in the act of)** betraying Him, answered and said,
"**Rabbi, is it I?**" He said to him, "You have said it."

Jesus Are You Saying That
You Know That I am the one Betraying you?

denial of the Truth will always lead to suspicion and guilt

Living In the Hour of Denial

26 Jesus answered, "**It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it.**" And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. 27 Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him (Satan), "**What you do, do quickly.**" 28 But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him. 29 For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy those things we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. 30 Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night.

God's Love Governs Over All Things In The Hour of Denial

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HE'S PREPARING THEM

Verse 19

"Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He.

Amos 3:7

Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

If you analyze the seating at the table

It is very possible that John was on Jesus' right hand side because from the other gospel accounts, we know that Judas would have been to Jesus' left side, **at the place of honor** – that is at Jesus' left hand side.

- Judas would have received the bread first.

The Point is – They All Had Received the Dipped Bread

They All Appeared Guilty - to Each Other

But Jesus was Reaching Out Still
to Encourage Judas to Repent

**God's Love Governs Over All Things
In The Hour of Denial**

b.) His love is always in control

vs. 27

Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him.
Then Jesus said to him (Satan), "**What you do, do quickly.**"

John 13:2

And the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him,

**Satan, As It Were, Was Hovering Over
Judas' Soul**

The Door Was Left Open

Satan Found Among the Twelve a Defecting Heart and Mind

Jesus Was in Control

Jesus had always been in Control

Colossians 1:16

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Hebrews 1:7

And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire." – **even Satan becomes a servant to God**

And Jesus will always be in Control

Revelation 20:1-3

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up...

**God's Love Governs Over All Things
In The Hour of Denial**

c.) His love is at work in every situation v.28-30

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I find this interesting that Jesus knew exactly what was going on and satan knew enough about what was going on...
but the disciples didn't have a clue!

They Are Still Unsuspecting of Judas at This Point

John 13:30

Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately.
- **And it was night.**

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Within a few hours Judas will no longer be able to live with the fact that Jesus knew all & knew him, he will hang himself

Sin is Always Committed in Darkness

And it is always night when someone turns their back to God

John 3:18-19

"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God 19
"And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Living In the Hour of Denial

3.) *God's Love is Looking Ahead of Everything vv. 31-33*

So, when he (Judas & Satan) had gone out, Jesus said, "**Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. 32 "If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him - in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. 33 "Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you. – Boys just stay**

**“The Hour of Denial and The Hour of Glory Is
Now!!!”**

a.) *His loving glory is always unfolding*

vs. 31-32

31 So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "**Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. 32 "If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him - in Himself, and glorify Him immediately.**

Ever Since the Garden – His Love Has Been Unfolding Toward Us
- *Not Away from Us!!!*

Verse 31

"Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him

I Offer This Argument to You

I believe that God has and will receive more glory and honor because of the fall of mankind than we can ever know down here.

On What Basis?

On the Basis of the Grace of God - -
God's Grace has no Value unless It's Power is Needed

Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Revelation 5:9

And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

Psalm 76:10

Man's futile wrath will bring you glory. You will use it as an ornament!

His loving glory is always unfolding

Verse 32

"If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him - in Himself, and glorify Him immediately.

The Acts that led to His arrest, beatings and Crucifixion -
Also Led to His Atonement of the World's Sins and to
Eternal Life to All who receive Him as Lord and Savior

**Was God Glorified in Jesus?
(Honored, pleased, satisfied)**

Isaiah 53:11

He (God the Father) shall see the labor of His soul (God the Son), **and be satisfied...**

**If God is Satisfied – Shouldn't You Be
Satisfied Too**

Ephesians 1:6-7

And to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

Ephesians 5:2

And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

***God's Love is Looking Ahead of Everything
In The Hour of Denial***

b.) His loving presence is promised

v.33

"Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you.

Boys just stay

He Has Already Announced His Impending Death
He Has declared that He will be Risen from the Dead

Nearly a Year Earlier Jesus Had Announced to Them

Matthew 17:22-23

22 Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, 23 "and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

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4.) God's Love is Knowing of All Things

vv. 34-38

34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." 36 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "**Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward.**" 37 Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake." 38 Jesus answered him, "**Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.**

a.) His love is His message

v.34-35

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

"A new commandment

loving to the point of sacrifice and death to the Flesh

The message is sent - The New Commandment is This.
only when we love on one another to the point of Sacrifice and Death

someone must die for forgiveness
to take place

John 13:15

"For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

That Restoration Can Take Place

Verse 35

**"By this all will know that you are My disciples,
if you have love for one another."**

The Agape Love of God

John 15:13-14

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

By this all will know

John 17:23

(The high priestly prayer)

"I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

The World Outside Will Not Come in Here but we are commanded to go outside to the world

- They Might See the Crowds – That only Makes Them Curious
 - They Might Hear the Music – That only Intrigues Them
- But When They Feel the Love – That is What Man Longs For

By this (love) **all** will know

Listen You **Rich** Man

You long for love and acceptance and respect – we all do

Listen You **Poor** Man

You long for love and acceptance and respect – we all do

God's Love is Knowing of All Things In The Hour of Denial

b.) His love is the one true love

v.36-37

36 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "**Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward.**" 37 Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake."

With Passion and Conviction Peter "Says"

"I will lay down my life for Your sake"

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love it profits me nothing. 4 Love **(Jesus)** suffers long and **(Jesus)** is kind; love **(Jesus)** does not envy; love **(Jesus)** does not parade itself, **(Jesus)** is not puffed up; 5 **(Jesus)** does not behave rudely, **(Jesus)** does not seek its own, **(Jesus)** is not provoked, **(Jesus)** thinks no evil; 6 **(Jesus)** does not rejoice in iniquity, **(Jesus)** but rejoices in the truth; 7 **(Jesus)** bears all things, **(Jesus)** believes all things, **(Jesus)** hopes all things, **(Jesus)** endures all things. 8 **(Jesus)** Love never fails.

God's Love is Knowing of All Things In The Hour of Denial

c.) His love extends beyond us

v.38

Jesus answered him, "**Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.**

A Gasp Must Have Filled
the Room

Jesus Had Prophesied the Worst that a Devout Man Could Hear

What was Peter Thinking?

Except for John -
Did The Rest of the Disciples Think Peter was the Traitor?
(It would seem rather clear to me)

* **Denied** grk 720 arneomai (ar-neh'-om-ahee);
to contradict another, to disavow connection, to reject word and deed, a refusal.

{WHAT WOULD YOU THINK IF YOU WERE IN HIS SANDALS}

**"I say to you,
the rooster shall not crow
till you have denied Me three times.**

Three Times was the Ultimate Denial

#1

It Could Have been Said Ignorantly

#2

It Could have been Said Emotionally

#3

The Rational Options Had Expired

BUT GOD'S LOVE EXTENDS BEYOND OUR SINS

Psalm 139:7-10

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

Isn't That What Jonah Experienced

**When Our Souls are overwhelmed
& Satan Creeps into Our Thinking;**

We can become so Depressed that Satan

will even use the Bible against us.

What Did Satan Use Against Jesus in the Wilderness?
(He used a portion of the Bible - not all of it)

Could Peter Be Thinking About Psalm 41?

Psalm 41:9

**Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.**

He Should Be Thinking About Psalm 42

Psalm 42:11

**Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God;**

There Comes a time when every believer comes under the attack of spiritual enemies.

Often the first phase of the attack:

is to keep you unaware that you are even in a battle.

The next phase:

is that he'll lie to you that what you're involved in is really from God.

The next thing:

is that he'll convince you that what you're doing is O.K. with God and there he will keep you until you are awakened

Then the enemy will come:

and condemn you that all that you have done has so offended God and so grieved Him that you could never be forgiven by again

but God's loves extend to beyYYYYond (Your sin)

Judas' Denial was His Doctrine of Living
Peter's Denial was His Weakness to Living

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There are Times When You Can't Tell the Two Apart -
Unless You're Jesus, God

Jesus Always Knows – Jesus Has Always Known

**This Week, Pray for a Friend That is
Struggling, and Invite Them to Come**

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**"How to Return from Your Hour of
Denial" Part-2**

**we all know someone who feels like
God has left them... you bring them!**

James 5:20

remember this: Whoever turns a sinner away from the error of his way will save him
from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8

Above all, love each other deeply,
because love covers a multitude of sins.

End of study