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LESSON 4

THE COMFORT OF HIS COMING

SUNDAY MORNING

JANUARY 8, 2006

John 14:1-3

¹ "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.

² "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

³ "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.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.

¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

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

¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Our Theme For Today

THE JOURNEY INTO HIS PRESENCE

1. **From His Presence To His Presence**
Thursday Evening January 5, 2006
2. **A Journey Out Of Bondage**
Friday Evening January 6, 2006
3. **Insight For The Journey**
Saturday Evening January 7, 2006
4. **The Comfort Of His Coming**
Sunday Morning January 8, 2006

Isaiah 40:1-3

¹ "Comfort, O comfort My people," says your God.

² "Speak kindly to Jerusalem; And call out to her, that her warfare has ended, That her iniquity has been removed, That she has received of the LORD'S hand Double for all her sins."

³ A voice is calling, "Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.

Isaiah 40:9-11

⁹ Get yourself up on a high mountain, O Zion, bearer of good news, Lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of good news; Lift *it* up, do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD will come with might, With His arm ruling for Him. Behold, His reward is with Him And His recompense before Him.

¹¹ Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, In His arm He will gather the lambs And carry *them* in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

THE COMFORT OF HIS COMING

Since the fall, all the hopes and dreams of fallen man, and the possibility of being restored to God, have rested on the Promise of God—His coming. The things that we need in every day life, and the promises that we must lay hold of to receive them; every promise we have is inseparably linked to the promise of the coming of the Lord. It is from the certain fact of His coming, that we derive strength and supply for our journey out of bondage—our journey into His Presence—our journey home.

1 John 3:2-3

² Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

³ And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

The comfort, the encouragement, and the strength that we should walk in, is in view of:

- ⇒ THE HOPE OF HIS CALLING
- ⇒ THE HOPE OF HIS COMING
- ⇒ THE HOPE OF HIS CONQUEST

It is with a view to the certainty of His coming, that we are called to stand firm, as we anticipate His coming, and the full confirmation of the forgiveness that is ours in Him.

Revelation 1:4-5

...Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come...To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood—