

Psalters (full text below): 429:1,4 - 103:2,4 - 310:1,2,3,6 - 115:2,4 - 422:6 - 204:2,3

Scripture: John 13:12 – 14:7

JESUS SPEAKING ABOUT HIS DEPARTURE

1. The people He speaks to

- Jesus is preparing His disciples for the future when He shall no longer be on earth.
- The disciples were greatly troubled in their heart because their Master
 - had humbled Himself to the lowest position;
 - becomes very emotional;
 - says that He will depart from them;
- Some are in this condition spiritually.
- The Lord:
 - knows how perplexed they feel;
 - *shows* that He knows;
 - gives them a directive.

2. The place He speaks about

- Jesus knew all along that He would go back to the Father (16:28; 13:1, 3-5)
 - inwardly greatly strengthens Him in His labour of love.
- He wishes to strengthen His disciples accordingly.
- The Father's house:
 - Plenty of space;
 - Jesus confirms it with words that are almost like an oath;
 - *He* goes there to prepare a place for *them*.

3. The prospect He speaks of

- Define 'prospect'.
- 'if' anticipates a future event.
- "I will come again"
 - Sadness turns to gladness;
 - Reunion with Him.

Psalter 429:1,4

1. With all my heart will I record
Thy praise, O Lord,
And exaltation;
Before the gods with joyful song
Will I prolong
My adoration.
I'll worship toward Thy holy place
And for Thy grace
And truth extol Thee;
Above Thy Name, Thou, Lord Most High,
Didst magnify
Thy Word so holy.

4. Lord, though I walk 'mid troubles sore,
Thou wilt restore
My faltering spirit;
Though angry foes my soul alarm,
Thy mighty arm
Will save and cheer it.
Yea, Thou wilt finish perfectly
What Thou for me
Hast undertaken;
May not Thy works, in mercy wrought,
E'er come to naught,
Or be forsaken.

Psalter 103:2,4

2. I am prone to halt and stumble,
Grief and sorrow dwell within,
Shame and guilt my spirit humble,
I am sorry for my sin.

4. Lord, my God, do not forsake me,
Let me know that Thou art near,
Under Thy protection take me,
As my Saviour now appear.

Psalter 310:1,2,3,6

1. I love the Lord, for my request
And humble plea He makes His care;
In Him through life my faith shall rest,
For He both hears and answers prayer.

2. Brought nigh to death and full of grief,
The Lord's salvation I besought;
He heard my cry, He sent relief,
My soul from depths of woe He brought.

3. Most kind and righteous is the Lord,
Our God is merciful indeed,
Delighting ever to afford
His help to me in time of need.

6. In my affliction and my pain,
When fears alarmed and hopes deceived,
I found all human helpers vain,
But in the Lord my soul believed.

Psalter 115:2,4

2. O Lord my God, o'erwhelmed in deep affliction,
Far from Thy rest, to Thee I lift my soul;
Deep calls to deep and storms of trouble thunder,
While o'er my head the waves and billows roll.

4. Why, O my soul, art thou cast down within me,
Why art thou troubled and oppressed with grief?
Hope thou in God, the God of thy salvation,
Hope, and thy God will surely send relief.

Psalter 422:6

Thou art, O God, our boast, the glory of our power;
The sovereign grace is e'er our fortress and our tower.
We lift our heads aloft, for God, our shield, is o'er us;
Through Him, through Him alone, whose presence goes before us,
We'll wear the victor's crown, no more by foes assaulted,
We'll triumph through our King, by Israel's God exalted.

Psalter 204:2,3

2. Ever, O Lord, with Thee,
All shall be well with me,
Held by Thy hand;
And Thou wilt guide my feet
By Thy own counsel sweet,
Till I, for glory meet,
In glory stand.

3. In earth or heav'n above
Who is there that I love
Compared with Thee?
My heart may faint with fears,
But God my strength appears,
And will to endless years
My portion be.