

## Live like you have a mansion in heaven!

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- **Jn. 14:1-6** many mansions (dwelling places) in God's house
  - **Greek word *mone***: translated mansions, dwelling places
    - appears only here and Jn. 14:23, translated abode (NASB) - God and Jesus make their abode with believers
  - **immediate context**: What is Jesus communicating to the apostles?
    - Jesus leaving, they could not follow (crucifixion), but would follow later (heaven) - Jn. 14:1-6
- **What is your attitude, knowing you have a "mansion" in heaven?**
  - **hymn**: *Mansions Over the Hilltop*
- **3 - pict's**: mansion, megayacht, New Jerusalem — spark thoughts
- - **God's dwelling place is many times greater than any mansion men can build!**
  - **Rev. 4:1-11** imagine being there, worshiping there, living there
- - **A mansion is a place you want to be: nice, comfortable, luxurious — heaven**
  - **Rev. 21:10-14, etc.** God, heaven is more luxurious and grand than any earthly mansion
- - **A mansion is something people work for, all their life - want really badly — heaven**
  - **Rev. 2:10b till death** — crown, kings wear crowns and live in mansions
  - **Rev. 20:6** we will reign with Christ — those who reign live in mansions
- - **Matt. 16:24-26 commitment**, give everything to obtain
- **What is your attitude, knowing you have a "dwelling place" with God? - heaven, salvation**
  - **saying**: **Life is more about who you're with, than what you have.** — **people more important than things**
    - **illus.**: fun things aren't as fun when we don't have someone to share them with: boating, golf, vaca, work
    - **illus.**: most people more effective at work when not alone - Jesus, disciples 2 by 2 - Allan Russia, lost
  - - **You'll live with God rather than Satan.** — **decide who you want to be with for eternity**
    - **God**
      - - **Jn. 3:16** Father, the One who loves you so much, He gave His Son to die
      - - **Jn. 15:13-15** Jesus, One who died to save you, made friend from slave
    - **Satan**
      - - **Jn. 8:44** father of all lies, one who lied repeatedly, worked his hardest to hurt you for eternity
      - - **Rev. 12:1-9** dragon who tried to defeat God, Christ, prevent salvation from coming to earth
  - **You'll live be with Christians rather than sinners, for eternity.** — **decide who you want to be with**
    - **Christians**
      - - **Matt. 28:19-20** apostles who suffered, persecuted, gave their lives, to preach gospel (truth)
      - - **Acts 7:54-60** brethren like Stephen who gave his life, teaching the truth
    - **sinners**
      - - **Rev. 21:6-8** in heaven no sinners (unbelievers, idolaters, etc) - lake of fire & brimstone, 2<sup>nd</sup> death
        - **Rev. 20:13-15** judgment, sinful, lake of fire - name not in the book of life
      - - **illus.**: **German Cannibal Gets Life, Frankfurt (Reuters) - hope he repents**
- **How do you get to your mansion - abode with God?**
  - **Jn. 14:6** through Jesus, who is the way, truth, life
    - Greek *dia*, translated "through"
    - we must obey Jesus (Heb. 5:9) and walk in his steps (1 Pet. 2:21)
  - - **illus.**: **Jesus is the door**
    - **Jn. 10:7, 9-10** Jesus door, enter and you're saved

➤ **Jesus will come back and take you home!**

- **Jn. 14:3** Jesus return and take us home

➤ - **1 Th. 4:13-18** Jesus' return

➤ **Summary / Inv.**

- **Live like you have a mansion in heaven!**

- work hard for it, earnestly desire it, obey the Lord and walk in His steps to receive it

- **Are you ready to go home with Jesus?**

- He's prepared a place for you, with God, where you will stay forever, if you are ready?

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- What does Jesus ask?