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Episode 99 - Not Orphans: John 14's Promise of Father, Son, and Mother

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Scott Stanley digs into John 14–15 and Revelation to explain how Jesus' promise of the Comforter brings the Father, the Son, and the Mother into the believer's life. He explores the Holy Spirit as the source of God's love, truth, and power to live in harmony.

Linking Isaiah 66 and Revelation 12, he describes Zion's birthing of the man-child, the role of witnesses, and practical ways the cross answers life's deepest issues—inviting listeners to receive the gospel, draw spiritual nourishment, and walk in love.

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Scriptures are transcribed directly with notations. Refer to the KJV for verbatim wording.

Hi, this is Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries, continuing to get into the deep things of God in the book of Revelation. Today again, I want to speak to you from my heart. I am realizing more depth to the verses I'm reading, and it's almost to the point, it just quietens your soul. You just need to be quiet and think about it. And I know what I'm

going to present today in this podcast is not something that you just listen to and, you know, go on. You really need to think about these verses.

First of all, I want to say the Gospel of John is awesome. I'm going to be reading from chapter 14. I should read the whole chapter, I'm not going to, but I see how it all flows together. I see some of what Jesus was thinking as he said what he did. But I want to start at John 14:15 and share with you some things that I had not realized before. After you hear this, if you don't already have a Bible open, go get one and sit down and listen again.

Jhn 14:15 If you love me, keep my commandments.

We know that when he says "*keep my commandments,*" he is talking about loving God and loving your neighbor. I'm not saying this to the Universal Church because I've had people fight me on that, "Well, he means the Ten Commandments." Well, to love God and love your neighbor will fulfill the law of love (Mat 22:37-39), and by keeping the one commandment of loving your neighbor, you're keeping the first commandment of loving God (Gal 5:14).

So I have to say that as I read this (because the whole thing that Jesus did is for love), it is to allow us to have a power and an energy to walk in love. And it's love as God describes it. It's love, I should say, as God defines it.

Jhn 14:15 If you love me, keep my commandments.

Jhn 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.

Now, I know that the Comforter, we realize, is the Holy Spirit, and it's the Father who gives that to you, and he'll give it to you through his Son. But when I read this, "*I'll pray the Father, he'll give you another Comforter that he may abide... that he, the Comforter may abide.*" But you see, if it's the Comforter abiding, it's the Father. And I could read that and say, "*I'll pray the Father that the Father will give you another Comforter that the Father may remain with you forever,*" because we're going to see in this podcast a depth of meaning to the Comforter.

Jhn 14:17 Even the spirit of truth...

And we know Jesus said, *I'm the way, the truth, and the life...*

Jhn 14:17 The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it doesn't see him, it doesn't know him: but you know him, because he is dwelling with you (now), and shall be (future) in you.

Jhn 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you.

Now, I may be making too much of all this at the beginning because all of this comes out as we read this. But right now, I want to look at "I will not leave you comfortless." This word "comfortless" is used twice in the New Testament, and in James 1:27, it's "orphans." This is the word "orphan." What is an orphan? If I don't have a mother or a father, I'm an orphan, and you can come to me, me being an orphan, but without a parent, I'm still an orphan.

Therefore, when Jesus makes this statement, *"I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you,"* because Jesus is the Son of God, he brings to you the Father. And because the Father surrendered his Son for you, that gives you authority to believe, to know, to confess, I am a child of God. God surrendered his only begotten Son for me. He loves us the same.

But Jesus does something else. He portrays on the cross God's Spirit. And God's Spirit is referred to by God as the Mother (Gal 4:26, Rev 3:12). So, Jesus brings the Father and the Mother both into the person's heart, if you can believe it. If somebody can explain to you who that is and why he's dying on that cross... who is that? He's the Son of God. Why is he dying? He's portraying the Spirit of the Father. So he brings both father and mother to the one who can believe it. See, *"I'm not going to leave you orphans. I'm going to come to you."*

Jhn 14:19 Yet a little while, and the world sees me no more; but you see me: because I live, you shall live.

Now, every one of these verses is just packed, and I have a lot I wanted to share. Right now I'm going off another direction, didn't intend to, but I do need to say this just to remind you of this. In Acts 10, starting at verse 40,

Act 10:40 Him God raised up the third day, and showed him openly;

Act 10:41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

Act 10:42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of the living and dead.

Act 10:43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believes in him shall receive a remission of sin (which is not forgiveness of sin, it's remission.)

So to understand, Jesus did not appear to everyone. And he makes the statement again in John 14, verse 19.

Jhn 14:19 Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more...

He's talking about his death. But it isn't just his death. It's his resurrection. They're not going to see him. Only selected people were going to see him, and God intended for everyone else to receive that truth through the witnesses who saw Jesus resurrected. So he says the world will see me no more, and he means it. It's done. *I'm leaving the planet. I'm coming back resurrected, and the world will see me no more, but you're going to see me, and because I am living, you're going to live too.*

Not instantly. That is something that they will grow to understand, that his death on that cross was their death, and that when God raised Jesus from the dead, he was acquitting the believer who could enter into Jesus's death with him. All of this is in Romans chapters 6 and 4. So, look at this again, verse 20.

Jhn 14:20 At that day...

What day? That day that he is speaking of, I believe, is realizing you're living because he's living. You're going to live because he's been raised from the dead.

Jhn 14:20 At that day, you're going to know I'm in my Father...

How? Because God raised him from the dead, that's how. He is in the heart of God, and because God raised him from the dead, that means whatever Jesus taught you was true. You can believe it. You can enter into that by faith and cling and hang on to it for dear life, because God raised him from the dead, proving what Jesus was saying was true. So,

Jhn 14:20 In that day you're going to see, you'll know I am in the heart of my Father, and that you are in me...

How? Because they were going to see the risen Savior, and you're going to realize that you are in his heart, that he is presenting truth to you. He is in the heart of God, but you are in the heart of Christ. Or why would they ever bother with you to give you any of this truth?

Jhn 14:20 ... And I am in you.

See, don't miss this. You're in me. You're in my heart to give you the truth. I'm giving you that truth, putting me in you. So right here, you've got the Father, the Son, and humanity. And he's talking about the Comforter. He's talking about the Holy Spirit. He isn't going to leave you an orphan. He's bringing the Father and the Mother to the believer.

Jhn 14:21 He that has my commandments, and keeps them, he is the one that loves me: and he that loves me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and I will manifest myself to him.

Jhn 14:22 Judas said, not Iscariot, Lord, how in the world are you going to manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?

Because he just said the world will see me no more. Yet I am going to manifest myself to you. Well, how are you going to do that? How are you going to show us, and nobody else see it? How will you manifest yourself?

Jhn 14:23 Jesus answered and said, If a man will love me, he will keep my concepts: and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our abode with him.

What do you mean we? He's talking about the Holy Spirit, and this is what I want you to understand. The Holy Spirit combines the Father, the Mother, and the Son all in one package. The Holy Spirit is not just simply Jesus. Jesus is the personification of it. But what he is portraying on the cross is the understanding of God, and that understanding is the Spirit of God, and that is the wife of God, that is the mother of us all (Gal 4:26).

So, in receiving Jesus as the Son of God, that's step one. Understanding what's happening on that cross is step two. In step three, you apply it to your life. In so doing, you have received the Father, the Mother, and the Child, and become a child of God yourself... possessing what is necessary to walk in love, possessing the energy it's going to take to apply the principles of love in every situation, and being willing to suffer to walk in love.

God is light, and in him there's no darkness at all (1Jn 1:5), and I realized that any time that you're not walking in love, you're manifesting darkness. *In God, there is no darkness at all. He is light, and he is love, and there is no darkness.* So for you to manifest any darkness, he says you're not walking in love, and you're a liar. You're not really in fellowship with God because you're in darkness.

Jhn 14:23 ... If a man will love me, he'll keep my words: my father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our abode with him.

Jhn 14:24 He that doesn't love me will not keep my sayings: and what I'm telling you is not my own, it's the Father which sent me.

That verse right there, to me, has just become magical. This is not some doctrine Jesus thought of. This is what God gave him to give you.

Jhn 14:24 He that loves me not will not keep my sayings. (They will not walk in love.) The word which you're hearing isn't mine. It's the Father's who sent me.

And remember, he said, "*If you love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He will send you; He will send you another comforter*" (Jhn 14:16). He will send it, because this is the Anointed One, and he is bringing to you the information of God. This particular information is the most valuable thing in the universe. It's what happened

on the cross. If humanity is going to exist and if they are going to walk in love and be with God, they've got to have the understanding that will enable them to do that. Again, it's called the Holy Spirit.

God the Father enabled witnesses to bear witness to the truth, and we've come to the end of the world, and he has more witnesses to bear witness to the truth. It's the sharing of the truth, the giving of the gospel, the sounding of the trumpets that will give people tools to overcome iniquity and sin. So I want to turn to Isaiah 66, starting at verse 5.

Isa 66:5 Hear the word of Jehovah, you that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let Jehovah be glorified: but he's going to appear to your joy, and they're going to be ashamed...

Because I'm telling you there is a tribulation coming when this message is given. And I know that's what this is talking about because what he's describing is found in Revelation 12.

Isa 66:6 A voice of tumult from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of Jehovah that will render recompense to his enemies of iniquity. (Because it isn't the people, it's the confusion of the people.)

Isa 66:7 Before she prevailed...

He's talking about Zion, and what he is quoting is from Revelation 12, "*The woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, and the crown of twelve stars*" (Rev 12:1). She's travailing in birth to bring forth the man-child, and yet there's a great red dragon there. That red dragon is Satan, the author of iniquity. So here you see, before she travails with bringing forth this Christ in the person, before she travailed, she brought forth.

Now I've explained this before, and I want to try to make this as simple as possible. Let me just use myself. When I came to the knowledge that Jesus was the Son of God, I didn't go through any travail. That was one of the most wonderful doctrines, and to realize Proverbs 8 was about Christ, I was all over it. I loved it. Before I travailed, I brought forth that man-child in myself.

Isa 66:7 ... Before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.

He's speaking of Zion in the last generation church. So you don't go through travail, getting it for yourself. But now, verse 8,

Isa 66:8 Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? (I just put "No.") Shall a nation be born all at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

I point to Galatians 4:19, "*I travail in birth until Christ be formed in you.*" Before she travails, she possesses an understanding of the Son of God. The pain and travail come when you're trying to help another person see it. As soon as she travails, she'll bring forth her children and the people who will receive the truth that he is the Son of God from us, become children of Zion. Before she travailed, she delivered a man-child in herself. When she travails, she's going to bring forth children who will come into the church.

Now, I want you to get this birth thing, because if they accept from you that he is the Son of God, they have been born again, because it is God who will reveal that to them when you speak the truth to them. Hence, they are born again, and this is what he's talking about.

Isa 66:9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith Jehovah: Shall I cause to bring forth, and yet shut the womb? saith God.

So he is talking about (in these verses) the giving of the Godhead message. And now for his namesake, they're going to cast you out. Before you travail, you get it, but you're travailing to help another person. And when you do, they will be born again. And what is the next step? Isa 66:10, "*Rejoice ye with a new heaven and new earth (the Holy Spirit), a new heaven and new earth.*" He mentions this in the chapter above, in chapter 65, where it is stated, "*I'll create a new heaven and new earth; behold, I create Jerusalem*" (Isa 65:17, 18). But you cannot create Jerusalem if that person doesn't understand who the Son of God is.

Isa 66:10 Rejoice with Jerusalem (the Holy Spirit), and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her:

Isa 66:11 That you may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her comfort...

Stop. Again, Jesus Christ will bring the Father into your life. The love of a father for a child will come into your life, but he will also bring the comfort of a mother. The comfort happens when you can look at yourself and realize, "I didn't know what I was doing." And you may be saying that to yourself for the rest of your life, as things pop up that you have done, you have said... Lord, I didn't know what I was doing. That will come up assuredly when you need to find what you need to forgive another person and to live in harmony. "*Suck the breast of her comfort, your mother.*" Let's keep reading.

Isa 66:11 ... So that you may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.

Because listen to me, the glory is the character of God. You suck the breast of her comfort and milk out the abundance of her glory. That is what gives you the glory of God. That is how you are made to walk in the image of Jesus Christ. He will bring you the Father. He will bring you the Mother, and it's up to you to draw out the nourishment needed to possess the glory of God.

Isa 66:12 For thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I'm going to extend peace to her like a river, and the nations like a flowing stream. Then shall you suck, you shall be borne upon her sides, and dandled upon her knees (like a child).

Isa 66:13 As one whom his mother is comforting, so will I comfort you; and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is the mother of us all, Galatians 4, and you draw out from her the milk, the joy that will happen when you're walking in harmony.

I realized something just a couple of days ago, and that is, I was with my daughters and my wife, and I was just hearing their conversation going on, and I would hear one of them say something that maybe I didn't agree with, maybe I would change that a little bit, what they're saying, but I just kept my mouth shut and I listened. And eventually I began to realize that by keeping my mouth shut, I'm not having to defend anything.

Because people will talk, and we'll come back with our earthly garbage. "Oh, when I had that, I took this for it, and when I did that, I went here," you know, just all the stuff that you want to answer every stinking thing people say.

If you don't say anything, you don't have to defend it. If you don't say anything, you can just remain in harmony with these people. If they were to say something wrong about God, that would be different. But just to enter into everyday conversation and try to fix everything people are saying is a mistake. That is a huge mistake. Let them have it. Let them learn. Let them come to an understanding. Let them see you in peace.

Since I'm on this level, I've got to say this. I was on YouTube, and I was listening to Charlie Kirk defending the right to life. And I mean, he was right on the money. I loved it. I could hear him talk about that stuff and just be in perfect harmony with him. But the Lord spoke to my heart, "Scott, what would you do if somebody asked you about abortion? Do you have to have all these facts? How many kids have died, and how many are aborted, and how many black, and how many white?" You know the whole thing. I'm going to tell you the answer is "no," because that is not the answer. The answer to that issue is to give them an explanation of iniquity and then tell them, "Now you make that decision. You know in your heart what's right."

If I were to give you the gospel and say Jesus died on that cross to free your mind of iniquity, so that you can have peace in your heart and be free from sin... now whatever argument it is, I don't care what it is, every argument can be answered that way. You answer that question yourself and deal with the iniquity or find joy in the peace that you'll experience.

But this isn't going to happen for a person unless they're committed to God, and to sit and talk about abortion and give all the facts, they are still just as lost as they were before they asked the question, and I thought I would not do that. I would give them a depth of meaning to their life, and how I present that to them may be different every time, but I have told people, "You have never heard the truth. The church is in apostasy, and you have never heard the truth. I can understand why you're asking these questions about gays and abortion and just everything. I can understand that perfectly."

So, I'm going to answer every question with the cross. He expressed, exposed the author of iniquity. He showed us the result of it, and then he showed us how to overcome it. Give them the Father and the Son, because the two of them together, *I will pray the Father and he will give you another Comforter. I'm not going to leave you fatherless and motherless. I'm going to come to you, and I'm going to give you the comfort of a mother so you can draw the milk of her consolation and find the joy of life.* If you can't go that direction, okay, I'm not going to debate how many kids were killed and all that. It doesn't matter because you're not being saved telling you that. That's just where I'm at.

We're at the end of the world. The message we have answers every question. If you could get it down and come to understand, there is a woman clothed with the sun, the moon is under her feet, and a crown of twelve stars. She is travailing in birth and pained to be delivered (Rev 12:1-3). A great red dragon is waiting to devour that child, devour that truth, but she is able to convincingly share the truth that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God, the narrow path, the only way to salvation.

You will never receive the Father and Mother without the Son of God. That is his ministry, and he is working with us to bring this forth, and may God bless us. We need the understanding. We need to stand up and declare the truth.

Gracious Heavenly Father, you are YAH. You are the only true and living God. I could just go on and on speaking about these things that you have given us. But I pray that what is spoken will be received. You deserve to be glorified. You are the only true and living God, and you have manifested such great love. We praise you and thank you for that, in Jesus' name. Amen.