

I was going to go away and that I would come again, you started to grieve. You became troubled. That is the reason the first part of this chapter says, "Let not your heart be troubled." The disciples were grieving. They were sorrowing over the news that Jesus was going to depart from them. If you loved Me with an unselfish love, "ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father." I told you that I was going to go unto the Father. If you really loved Me as you ought, if you really loved Me with an unselfish love, that ought to make you happy. Instead of grieving over the news that I am going to depart from you, instead of sorrowing over it, you ought to be rejoicing.

Why should they be rejoicing? "For my Father is greater than I." What difference does that make? Because the Father is positionally greater than Jesus as the God-Man. When Jesus goes to the Father, the Father is going to exalt Him as the God-Man to His own right hand. He is going to say to Him as predicted in Psalm 110: "Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool."

We are told that that is a prediction of the exaltation of Jesus Christ, and as soon as Jesus ascended into heaven the Father said to Him, "Sit at my right hand." Occupy this position of honor and authority. And Jesus as the God-Man was going to be exalted to that position because His Father was positionally greater than He was. Jesus said to His disciples, Now listen, if you really loved Me as you ought, that ought to make you glad to know that I am going to go to the Father, and that My Father is going to exalt Me to His own right hand. Why, that ought to be a cause of rejoicing on your part, not a cause for sorrow, not a cause for grieving.

You see, when it says the Father is greater than the Son it means He is positionally greater than the God-Man, and because He is, when the Son goes to Him as