

Being Welcomed To Have A Place In His House

I. Introduction:

- A. There is a place in our Father's house being prepared for the saved (**John 14:1-3**).
 - 1. We look forward knowing that this life is temporary (**Hebrews 13:14**).
 - 2. We know that place being prepared is eternal (**II Corinthians 5:1**).
- B. We should maintain a mindset of seeking a place in that eternal house rather than having already secured it (**Philippians 3:3-15**).
 - 1. While you can say you are saved (**I Corinthians 1:18**)...
 - 2. ... Our salvation is not fully realized until the end (**Romans 6:22** and **I Peter 1:9**).
 - 3. Our society teaches a mindset of entitlement, therefore let's think...

II. Body: Be Humble In Recognizing It Is Not Your Seat For The Taking (**Luke 14:1-11**).

- A. We must always maintain the reality that salvation is a gift, not something we have or could ever earn (**Ephesians 2:1-10**).
 - 1. Our salvation is of the Lord's purpose and grace (**II Timothy 1:8-10**).
 - 2. Remember, the possibility of our being His children is of His choosing (**Ephesians 1:5**) based upon our behavior in this life (**I John 3:1-10**).
- B. What gain do we provide for God (**Job 22:2-3**)?
 - 1. What, on earth, really [physically] impacts Heaven (**Job 35:1-8**).
 - 2. We are the created, not the Creator (**Revelation 4:11**).
 - 3. Let's never forget that we are just doing what we should be doing (**Luke 17:7-10**).
- C. Live so that He wants you there (**Luke 13:22-30**).
 - 1. When you are hospitable (**I Peter 4:9**), is your guest(s) someone you cannot stand to be around (**Proverbs 18:24**)?
 - 2. Are you someone the Lord will want around Him for all eternity (**John 15:9-15**)?
 - 3. Consider the Lord's mindset (**Luke 14:34-35** and **Luke 19:11-27**).

III. Conclusion: Considering all that we have, what manner of person ought you to be to have a place in our Father's house (**II Peter 3:10-14**)?