

I GO UNTO MY FATHER.

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INTRODUCTION:

- A. Read text: *John 14:12*.**
- B. These words were spoken by Jesus after the last supper and just before His betrayal.**
 - 1. They express a thought that was always in His mind.
 - 2. This thought kept Him calm in His life amid the storm.
- C. When we apply these words to our lives, they explain life, sustain life, complete life.**

DISCUSSION: “I GO TO MY FATHER” ARE WORDS THAT...”

I. REMIND US OF THE BREVITY OF LIFE.

- A. Life is a journey (*Psalm 37:25*).**
 - 1. A swift journey.
 - 1) *Job 7:6*.
 - 2) *Job 9:25-26*.
 - 3) *James 4:14*.
 - 2. A brief journey.
 - 1) *Ecclesiastes 12:5-7*.
 - 2) *Psalm 90:10*.
 - 3. “*I go*” represents the journey He was taking.
 - 4. A journey we make only once; a journey without a return (*Job 16:22*).
- B. This world is not our home.**
 - 1. Here we are strangers and pilgrims (*1 Peter 2:11*).
 - 2. Our citizenship is in heaven (*Philippians 3:20*).
 - 3. Going to “*THE FATHER*” is a wonderful thought (*John 14:1-3*).

II. GIVE HOPE TO OUR LIFE.

- A. The farmer hopes for an abundant crop. Yet, it sometimes fails.**
- B. The hope of the faithful will not fail. Biblical hope is confident expectation (*Hebrews 6:11, 19*).**
- C. The expectation of returning to the Father strengthened Jesus for His hardships.**
 - 1. *Hebrews 12:2*.
 - 2. *1 Peter 3:22*.
- D. The hope of seeing the Father, is an anchor for the Christian.**
 - 1. Hope which is based upon God’s promises.
 - 2. *Hebrews 6:18*.

III. ACKNOWLEDGE A COMPLETE LIFE.

- A. No life is complete until it departs this life and goes to eternity.**
 - 1. *John 19:30*.
 - 2. *2 Timothy 4:7*.
- B. Going to the Father finishes the life of a Christian (*Revelation 14:13*).**

IV. CONCLUSION:

- A. The question is not will we go to the Father. But rather how will we go to Him.**
- B. We all need to obey the gospel and live faithfully before making that final step.**