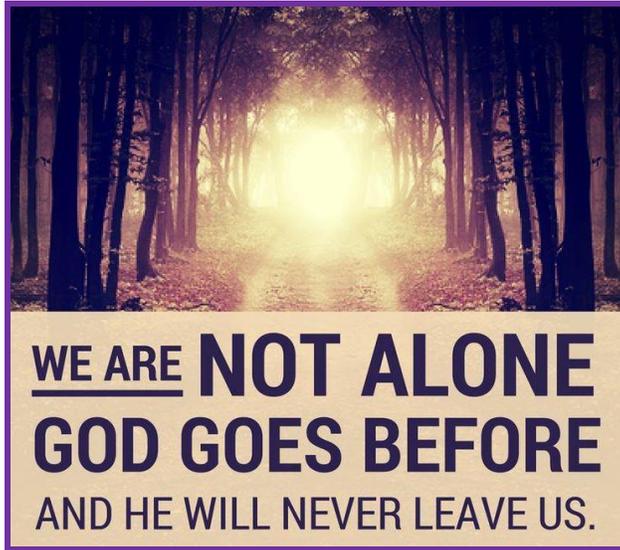


# SPRING QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2015

## THEME: THE PRESENCE, POWER AND PROPERTIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### Unit I – HIS PRESENCE

## “GOD’S CHAPERONE NEVER LEAVES US ALONE”



### Sunday School Lesson II – March 8, 2015 Rev. Frank A. Davis, III, Pastor-Teacher

**Lesson Text:** John 14:15-26

**Required Reading:** John 14:1-26

**Motto Text:** John 14:26, *“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”*

**Reliable Resources:** Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Precepts for Living (UMI); Word-Search 10 Electronic Library System; MacArthur Study Bible; Spiritual Warfare by Dr. David Jeremiah; The Outline Bible by H. L. Willmington

### Introduction

Jesus Christ had led His disciples for a little over 3 years. During that time, He taught and mentored them with the utmost of affection and shepherd-like care. These men had endeared themselves to Him and were learning absolute trust. Now as Jesus’ final hours of earthly ministry were coming to an end, He speaks to His trusted associates to prepare them for His departure. Such news left them devastated and full of questions that only Jesus could truly answer and dispel their doubts.

Let us join in as Jesus teaches them one great lesson on serving. (Read John 13:1-17). He then foretells the betrayal by Judas and the denial by Peter, two who were trusted associates. (Read John 13:18-38).

This leads to chapter 14, where we find our present lesson introduced. Jesus used verses 1 through 14, assuring them that He would not leave them comfortless. He promised that there is a place called the Father’s House and it was full of many dwelling places, to which He was going to prepare a special place for each of them. Not only was there residing places for them, but they would have a direct line of communication from the Father through Him to accomplish anything necessary (vv. 12-14).

Now let us examine the lesson I have entitled, “God’s Chaperone Never Leaves Us Alone.” **Anticipated Power Points:**

- **The Personification of God’s Chaperone. John 14:15-17**
- **The Promises Concerning God’s Chaperone. John 14:18-24**
- **The Paraclete is God’s Chaperone. John 14:25-26**

## LESSON OUTLINE EXPOSITION

**Chaperone defined:** “A person who accompanies and looks after another person or group of people.” This defines simply and adequately the work and person of the Holy Spirit. He is the third personality of the Godhead: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Father sent the Son and the Son promises the apostles and the present and future generations that we are being chaperoned by the Comforter, the Holy Spirit! Quoting the New Pilgrim Bible Edition: “The word ‘comforter’ means one called alongside to help. The Lord Jesus was promising to send the Holy Spirit to ‘comfort’ the disciples when He was gone. The Holy Spirit would dwell in believers and help them, just as the Lord had done when He was with them (see Jn. 14:26; 15:26, 16:7-15).”

### **I. The Personification of God’s Chaperone. John 14:15-17**

Jesus informs His disciples that a natural result of their love for Him is that they will obey His teachings. As a result of their obedience, Jesus would ask the Father to give them the Advocate, Comforter, or as I call Him, The Chaperone. Jesus declares in verse 16 that the Chaperone (Holy Spirit) would never leave or depart from them. Jesus knew He had to return to the Father after His death, burial and resurrection, but He would send the Comforter (Holy Spirit, Chaperone) who would live and abide not only with the disciples but in the disciples (vs. 17). Jesus gives hope to the disciples after sharing of His physical departure. What a hope they, as well as us, could anticipate. The Holy Spirit as a Chaperone would become their constant guide, confidant and overseer. Thank God He is the deliverer of all truth (Jn. 15:26-27). Praise God!

### **II. The Promises Concerning God’s Chaperone. John 14:18-24**

Because the Comforter (Chaperone) is divine, one can stand upon His promises with total confidence. Note:

#### **A. He will never leave the believer as an orphan or fatherless. vs. 18-20**

He would return physically from the dead to fellowship with them and give them the Holy Spirit who will become their Chaperone.

1. Jesus appeared on the Sunday night of His resurrection to the disciples, but Thomas was absent. Luke 24:36-43
2. Jesus appeared the next Sunday with Thomas present. John 20:26-28
3. Jesus had appeared on the Emmaus Road to two disciples. Luke 24:13-35
4. Jesus appears to the fishing disciples after several days. John 21:1-14
5. Jesus breathes on the disciples the Holy Spirit in preparation for Pentecost. John 20:21-23.

#### **B. The Saviour and Chaperone standing as one for the Saints. vs. 21-24**

Jesus reassures the disciples that the responsibility of the believer is to be obedient to the Word of the Father and the promise of the Chaperone’s presence will come. Judas, not Iscariot, also known as Thaddeus, asked a good question. “Why won’t the world acknowledge the living, raised Messiah? The answer is somewhat simple: **They Have No Faith In Jesus’ Word!** The last thing they saw was a dead Jesus on a cross. But thank God for the resurrection and those that believe and receive it, for therein is the blessed hope. Only those who are saved can truly love the Son and will be loved of the Father, and will receive the person of the Holy Spirit, also known as “**God’s Chaperone.**”

### **III. The Paraclete is God’s Chaperone. John 14:25-26**

The word Paraclete is a word that means, “One who comes alongside.” Truly, that’s what the Holy Spirit, God’s Chaperone does for the believer. He comes not only alongside, but inside the believer to be a constant help in every moment of life and will lead the believer again into “*all truth.*” *We Are Not Alone!*

## **CLOSING**

Remember the hymn of the church, “**Never Alone**” (*...No, never alone, No, never alone, He promised never to leave me, Never to leave me alone*) and let us trust, “**God’s Chaperone Never Leaves Us Alone.**”



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**Looking Ahead:                      March 15, 2015                      John 16:4-15**



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