

FALL QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2016
THEME: GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY SEEN PROPHETICALLY
UNIT THREE – JESUS CHRIST: ALPHA AND OMEGA

“ALLELUIA FOR THE SOON COMING CHRIST!”



Lesson 13 – Sunday, November 27, 2016

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Lesson Text:	Revelation 22:6-10, 12-13, 16-21
Lesson Required Reading:	Revelation 22
Lesson Motto Text:	Revelation 22:7, 12, 20, <i>“Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book... And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be... He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”</i>
Reliable Resources:	MacArthur Study Bible; Revelation (Clarence Larkin); Escape the Coming Night (David Jeremiah); Revelation (M. R. DeHaan); Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Standard Lesson Commentary; Precepts for Living (UMI Publishing); Pilgrim Study Bible Notes; Commentary on Revelation by E. C. Gillentine; Libronix Electronic Library

Introduction:

Well my dearly beloved in Christ, we come to the final lesson in Revelation. So much has transpired since we began the lessons in Revelation 21 and 22. I only wish that we could have studied here for at least a year. But nevertheless, I shout **ALLELUIA!** for the new heavens and earth; for the final demise of the devil; for the celebration of the Bride of Christ; and for the New Jerusalem, the home of the Church! I shout **ALLELUIA!** that *“the Lord Omnipotent reigns, and He shall reign forever; King of Kings and Lord of Lords!”*

Now as we approach the final verses of Revelation Chapter 22, we should reflect on the words of A. T. Pierson concerning what we can anticipate when Jesus comes back and we enter into immortal glory, from Revelation 22:3-5, *“And there shall be no more curse”* – that’s perfect restoration. *“The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it”* – that’s perfect administration. *“His servants shall serve Him”* – that’s perfect subordination. *“And they shall seek His face”* – that’s perfect transformation. *“And there shall be no more night there; and they shall need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord giveth them light”* – that’s perfect exaltation.” Beloved, surely those of us who are saved by the blood of Christ live in tip-toe anticipation until He returns. But what should His second coming stir in our lives? It should be **ALLELUIA** for Christ’s “Perfect Restoration, Administration, Subordination, Transformation, and Exaltation!”

Anticipated Power Points:

- **The Maintaining of our Faithfulness. Revelation 22:6-10**
- **The Master’s Word will be Fulfilled. Revelation 22:10, 12-13**
- **The Most Solemn Warning and Final Invitation. Revelation 22:16-21**

OUTLINE

“Alleluia For The Soon Coming Christ!”

I. The Maintaining of our Faithfulness. Revelation 22:6-10

A. Faithfulness in our witness. vss. 6-7

Jesus' words signified by the Angel and the Spirit of God to John encourage a sense of faithfulness to live the testimony of our Christ. It's not about watching a time clock, but about believing the words of the Christ! When we believe His word, we will witness His truth through our own lives. The world is watching the Church. What message are we relating to them as it relates to Jesus' second coming? Are we negligent, or are we fervent to keep His word? Do we live for all the trappings of a sinful society, or as a chaste virgin expecting her bridegroom to come at any time? Matthew 24: 42-44 gives us a firm reminder, *“Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.”* The Lord will return quickly (suddenly) when least expected!

B. Faithfulness in our worship. vss. 8-9

Earlier, (in Revelation 19:10) John was so moved by the witness of the angel that he fell down in immediate worship. In both cases, the angel reminded John that he was only a servant of God, just like John was. I'm not fully aware of how John could make such a mistake, but I am aware that the angel knew his place and where faithful worship should always be directed: *“Worship God!”*

II. The Master's Word will be Fulfilled. Revelation 22:10, 12-13

John is commanded not to seal up the words of the prophecy because the time is already at hand for the beginning of its fulfillment! (Read II Peter 3:9-14). John is told of the soon sudden return of Jesus Christ, and that at His return He will judge the redeemed for their work done in His name! (I Corinthians 3:10-15) Jesus Christ the Master has the first and last word on our lives because He is the Sovereign Lord. (Read Colossians 1:15-20)

III. The Most Solemn Warning and Final Invitation. Revelation 22:16-21

The grace of our Lord is evident from the creation of Genesis to the final clarion call of Revelation. Peter pens it in II Peter 3:9, *“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”* The return of Christ will bring all things to an eternal disposition. Thank the Lord for His grace, mercy and great salvation. And if anyone fails and goes to hell, it is not because they have not received every possible warning from His heart. And so I shout **ALLELUIA!** for our Lord's soon return and like John I shout *“Even so, come Lord Jesus!”* But I am also challenged to warn every soul possible to repent, believe and receive the gospel of Jesus Christ, because the time is at hand!

Closing:

We leave with you this week the words of Revelation 22:20-21, *“He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.”*

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