

Morning Sermon 5/29/2022 – “The Truth of Jesus’ Coming”  
Revelation 22:6-22

*We are coming to the end of this Book, and I am still learning! One of my new favorite commentaries of the Book of Revelation is that written by James Hamilton. He points out that the wording of the Book of Revelation introducing the harlot is similar to that introducing the bride – compare Revelation 17:1-3 to Revelation 21:9-11. While the wording closing the section on the condemnation of the harlot is similar Revelation 19:1-10 (especially :10) to this here which closes the section on the bride and on the entire Book – Revelation 22:8-9.*

*I believe the similarity here is intentional to show us what is taught throughout Scripture that Satan copies God, Aaron’s rod becomes a serpent, but Pharaoh’s sorcerers do the same, is something we encounter in life –*

**<sup>10</sup> So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the LORD commanded. And Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent.**

**<sup>11</sup> But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. <sup>12</sup> For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron’s rod swallowed up their rods. Exodus 7:10–12 (NKJV)**

*So, the harlot, Satan, our own sinful hearts would pull us away from a Heaven winning, soul winning love for and commitment to God’s truth to the lies and deceptions of Satan and the harlot the false assembly ....*

*But here we start the ending of this Book with TRUTH –*

**Revelation 22:6–7 (NKJV) <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, “These words are faithful and true.” And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. <sup>7</sup> “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”**

*The TRUTH emphasize here should encourage us, as Christ’s, the Lamb’s bride, to a loving, whole-hearted commitment to Him!*

*I. Realize, the glad truth, Jesus is coming quickly –*

**<sup>7</sup> “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.” Revelation 22:7 (NKJV)**

1. The word “Blessed” keeps Jesus’ quick coming in the realm of happiness, God’s blessing!
2. The blessing is to a certain group, those or he who keeps the prophecy of this book -
  - A. Keep = remembers
  - B. Keep = trust and obey
  - C. Keep means to keep when keeping means pain and persecution and death for staying loyal to Jesus - ... and they did not love their lives to the death. Revelation 12:11 B (NKJV)

3. *This blessing was stated both at the beginning and end of this Book –*

**<sup>3</sup> Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. Revelation 1:3 (NKJV)**

4. *The blessing is for those who are righteous and holy, now, and definitely before the end –*

**<sup>11</sup> ... he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.”  
Revelation 22:11 B (NKJV)**

A. *The end of our lives, not the end of the world, fixes our eternal state –*

**<sup>27</sup> And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, Hebrews 9:27 (NKJV)**

B. *This is why we need to redeem the time, even if Jesus does not come tomorrow –*

**<sup>15</sup> See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, <sup>16</sup> redeeming the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians 5:15–17 (NKJV)**

5. *The blessing is for those who keep His commandments –*

**<sup>12</sup> “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”**

**<sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. Revelation 22:12–14 (NKJV)**

A. *The first key to keeping God’s commands is to realize YOU CANNOT –*

**<sup>10</sup> As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; <sup>11</sup> There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. <sup>12</sup> They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.” Romans 3:10–12 (NKJV)**

**<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.**

**<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.  
Matthew 5:3–6 (NKJV)**

B. *It is when we realize we CANNOT KEEP God’s commands that we seek His help, His righteousness –*

**<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup> even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:21–23 (NKJV)**

C. *It is through the blood of the Lamb we overcome –*

**<sup>11</sup> And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Revelation 12:11 (NKJV)**

*We are not saved because we keep God’s law, we keep God’s law because we are saved!*

6. *It is Jesus Who is our encouragement, our strength from the past, our hope for the future -*

**<sup>16</sup> “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.” Revelation 22:16 (NKJV)**

7. *It is God's Spirit, He is our life, our spiritual drink -*

<sup>17</sup> And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. Revelation 22:17 (NKJV)

A. *It is by God's Spirit that we are enabled to keep God's commands -*

<sup>16</sup> I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. Galatians 5:16 (NKJV)

B. *It is the fruit of the Spirit that fulfills God's commands -*

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23 (NKJV)

8. *It is by grace we are saved -*

<sup>20</sup> He who testifies to these things says, "**Surely I am coming quickly.**" Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. Revelation 22:20-21 (NKJV)

A. *The grace that saves us, apart from our works, results in God's works bespangling our lives -*

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10 (NKJV)

B. *This is why all true believers cast their crowns to God -*

<sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: <sup>11</sup> "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created." Revelation 4:10-11 (NKJV)

II. *Realize, the sad truth, Jesus is coming quickly -*

1. *When Jesus returns there will be no more time to repent -*

<sup>11</sup> He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still;..." Revelation 22:11 A (NKJV)

2. *Those who are unrepentant, are outside, good for us, horrible for them -*

<sup>15</sup> But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. Revelation 22:15 (NKJV)

A. *When Paul spoke of "dogs" he was speaking of unconverted Jews, who believed their nationality, or their circumcision would save them -*

<sup>2</sup> Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation! Philippians 3:2 (NKJV)

B. *Jesus Himself speaks of "dogs" like this in Psalm 22 -*

<sup>16</sup> For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; Psalm 22:16 (NKJV)

C. *Of course, unconverted gentiles are counted "dogs" too -*

3. Sorcerers, sexually immoral, murderers, idolaters and whoever loves and practices a lie ...  
These are all left out of the New Jerusalem / None of these are part of Christ's Bride!

\* One of the Great LIES is the peace, peace when there is no peace lie ...

<sup>14</sup> They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly, Saying, 'Peace, peace!' When there is no peace. Jeremiah 6:14 (NKJV)

4. This is why people will mourn when they see Jesus –

<sup>7</sup> Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. Revelation 1:7 (NKJV)

III. Realize, the entire, important, urgent truth, Jesus is coming quickly –

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1:8 (NKJV)

1. Realize Jesus is Almighty God, the Beginning and End, He is the Lamb Who opened the scroll He controls history, He is the One Who holds all lives in His hand!

2. His coming quickly is to judge the world for its sins! He already judged Jerusalem –

<sup>5</sup> Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations, He said, <sup>6</sup> "These things which you see—the days will come in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down." Luke 21:5–6 (NKJV)

3. For each of us, the length of our earthly lives is the extent of our time of judgment –

As I said before, the end of our lives, not the end of the world, fixes our eternal state –

<sup>27</sup> And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, Hebrews 9:27 (NKJV)

4. We tend to deceive ourselves too –

<sup>9</sup> "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? <sup>10</sup> I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings. Jeremiah 17:9–10 (NKJV)

5. Aim to make your calling and election sure –

<sup>5</sup> But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, <sup>6</sup> to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, <sup>7</sup> to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. <sup>8</sup> For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; <sup>11</sup> for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:5–11 (NKJV)

A. Note we need diligence! What do you consider diligence? Are you diligent adding to your faith, virtue, and to virtue Knowledge? And to knowledge self-control? Etc...

B. We need these things to abound – 2 Peter 1:8

C. We want and desire an entrance, a sure entrance ... 2 Peter 2:11