

SUBJECT: THE LAST PRAYER IN THE BIBLE

TEXT: REVELATION 22:20

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Introduction:

1. Can we all take up and repeat this same prayer of the apostle, "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus?"
2. John was "the beloved disciple." He had been admitted to a peculiar personal intimacy with Jesus.
3. Especially when he may have been at this time in the decline of life, or already advanced in years; when he was dwelling in a world unfriendly to him and to his faith, without companions, without a home, a lonely exile upon the rock of Patmos.
4. When Jesus forewarns us that His coming is to be sudden and speedy, we should take up, without hesitation, the words of the apostle: "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

I. THE PROMISE OF JESUS' RETURN IS PREDOMINATE IN THE REVELATION.

Revelation 1:4-8* Revelation 19:11-16*****

- A. His coming will be a personal, visible appearing because every eye shall see Him.
Romans 14:11 *For it is written: "As live says the LORD, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God; **Philippians 2:10** ... that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth...*
- B. At the White Throne judgment all the ungodly, not only those who actually pierced Him, but also those who did so by their sins, shall look with trembling upon Him.
- C. The coming of Jesus has been the source of our hope, the spring of our joy, throughout all our troubles. When we hear that it is at hand, what can we do but lift up our heads and cry "Come, Lord Jesus?"

II. JESUS' RETURN WILL BRING TO AN END THE CHRISTIAN'S FAITH.

- A. Every Christian grace has its vital root in faith, that is, in loyal and undoubting confidence toward the Son of God. **Ephesians 3:11-12** *...according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.*
- B. It is by faith we are saved, it is by faith we serve, and it is by faith we understand there is an eternal home with Jesus.
- C. When, then, at last faith culminates in vision, and we see the Lord — not merely in the evangelical records, not merely in the worship of the Church, but "face to face" — there will be no more need for faith. **1 John 3:2** *Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.*

III. DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS COMING BACK SOON?

- A. There were many doubters 2000 years ago. **2 Peter 3:1-12*****
- B. The world in which we now live has deteriorated to the point that there seems to be no hope for it to get better. The signs are all around. **Matthew 24:37-42*****
- C. Suppose that Jesus were to come to us at this moment, that for us the earth swung suddenly away into darkness and silence, that unto us the heavens were opened." Would He find in you that which He, at this instant, would accept and approve?

Conclusion:

1. **1 Peter 4:7** *But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.*
2. Pray this final prayer of the Bible with me: *Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!*