

A WORD ON WORSHIP

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Revelation 22:20-21

“He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.”

There are perhaps no more significant and awesome words in Scripture than those of this epilogue. The wonderful book of Revelation ends with the manifold testimony of the voices of the angel, Jesus, the Spirit, the bride, and John. These verses are full of encouragement, declaration, warning, and response to God. They are tremendously significant; may we read them with care and attentiveness. Listen to these words in terms of your entire life. Examine your lifestyle, purposes, goals, priorities, and commitment to God in the light of His faithful Word, and the soon coming Savior.



In contrast to the many human viewpoint foundations or cunningly devised fables upon which men try to build their lives stands the faithful and true Word from God. Man's viewpoint without the Bible is left to be built on speculation, human reason, and experience, all of which are very unreliable due to man's condition in sin, his short life span, his deductive thinking, his constant tendency to interpret facts with his presuppositions, his limited experience and the amount of knowledge he can retain and use. All of this makes man's human viewpoint ideas about as reliable as a lily pad for a foundation, especially in spiritual matters. This is why the Book of Revelation is so important for Christians to study and understand.

Jonathan Edwards, called American's greatest theologian, had a set of resolutions. One of them is this: "Resolved: Never to do anything, which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life." We should always live every moment of every day as if Christ were coming now! That's the only way to live. Are you ready for Jesus's return? Do you need to share your faith with someone? Do it now! Do you need to be reconciled to someone? Do it now! Do you need to serve the Lord and His people? Do it now! Do you need to be faithful in your financial stewardship? Do it now!

The last words of the Bible are soaked with grace. John exclaims, "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen" (22:21). God wants to make absolutely sure that "grace" (charis) will have the last word. Grace is God's unconditional kindness offered to someone who doesn't deserve it. God's grace provides faith for the unbelieving reader and faithfulness for the believing reader (cf. 1:4). Grace...don't live on earth without it. Grace...don't leave earth without it.

Has God changed you as a result of our study through Revelation? Has He shown you His grace? Do you know Him more? Do you love Him more? I pray that this is so.

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