



Correspondent's Corner

I Come Quickly

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Three times in the last chapter of the book of The Revelation the Lord declares He is coming quickly. First, in Revelation 22:7 it is in the context of “keeping the sayings of the

prophecy of this book”. “Keeping” has the idea of making it your very own. Many people, believers and non-believers alike, seldom read this last book of the Bible. Verse 7 promises a blessing (“blessed is he”) for any that make this book their own. Actually, seven times in this book there is a promise of blessing, starting with chapter 1:3, then in 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7 and 22:14. The word blessed means “supremely” blessed. The glorious expectation is that the Lord Jesus is coming for the believers of this age and this hope is based upon what is written in the scriptures.

Second, in Revelation 22:12 the “I come quickly” is in the context of “reward”. This reward is for what has been done for the Lord after a person is saved. In Acts 16:31 we read “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved”. So salvation is settled the moment one believes but reward is given for the believer living their life for the Lord. The question is, are you saved and if you are do you live your life for the Lord in response to His sacrifice for you on the cross? No deed of kindness or anything else will be overlooked by the Lord as He promises He will “give every man according as his work shall be”.

Third, in Revelation 22:20 the Lord simply states “Surely I come quickly”. To see Him in all His glory will be the greatest blessing of all. Just to see Him and those nail prints in His hands and feet will be wonderful. This is the context of this last reminder of the soon return of the Lord Jesus. He could come any moment for His own! The scriptures say “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation” 2nd Corinthians 6:2. The Lord Jesus said “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” John 3:16. Trust Him as your Saviour while you have time and then live for Him for He is coming again!

Sincerely, *John Eggers*

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