

THE IMMINENCE OF HIS COMING

Beloved of the Lord:

The crowning event of our age is near, which saints have waited for, prayed for and longed for - "THE COMING OF THE LORD DRAWETH NIGH"-Jas.5:8 We shall soon see HIM "face to face". Happy prospect! Some one wrote - "O dim eyes that cannot see the growing signs of His Second Advent! O deaf ears that cannot catch the sound of His chariot wheels! Even now the dawn of that day lies white upon the mountain tops". Let us consider some -

1 - LOOK AT THE CHRISTIAN - We do not look FOR signs, but we can look AT them. Before the Lord's first Advent, saints were looking and expecting Him. Read Luke 2:25-38. Today, there are saints scattered through the world, "Looking for that blessed hope", suffering and sorrowful believers feeling His return is imminent and praying daily-"Even so, COME, Lord Jesus" - Rev. 22:20. Are they deluded? Are they deceived? NO! NEVER! HE IS COMING!

2 - LOOK AT THE JEWS - Present events in Israel amplify the prophetic word that God's earthly people are on the threshold of their greatest spiritual and national crisis - "THE DAY OF JACOB'S TROUBLE" - Jer. 30:7-Dan.12:1. Providentially there are multitudes back in the land, unknowingly, where God intends to purge and redeem an elect remnant for His glory. Their national restoration is prophesied in both Old and New Testaments. See Rom 11:26. The words of our Lord Jesus in Matt. 24:9 are soon to be fulfilled in their history - "ye shall be hated of ALL nations", - then seeking to exterminate them. See Zech. 14:1-9 which describes the final attempt of the nations to do this. It will end in the total destruction of ALL Gentile dominion, FOR EVER! See Dan. 2:31-45; Joel 3:9-12; Psa.2:7-9.

3 - LOOK AT THE WORLD - Nations are disintegrating! Lawless, and crime increasing, moral standards being discarded openly, because the world prefers to live without God! See Psa.9:17. Men are powerless to solve the social, economic and moral problems in this world under sin. The Apostle has written by divine inspiration - "The world by ITS WISDOM knew not God" - 1 Cor.1:21. It is rushing helplessly and hopelessly to judgment, with Satan being "the prince of this world" and "the god of this age" - John 12:31;14:30;2Cor.4:4. When the Prince of Peace and the King of Kings appears, HE will be the sovereign ruler of the world - "king over all the earth" - Zech. 14:9.

4 - LOOK AT THE PROFESSING CHURCH - The long fore-told apostasy is now achieving bold strides, swelling the flood of liberalism, philosophy and worldliness, swamping the Christian profession - See 1 Tim.4:1;2 Thess. 2:3,4; 2 Pet.Ch.2: Jude 17-19, etc. Some, boldly and deliberately depart from God and His truth; others, may hint or insinuate, or imply their denial of the faith "once and for all delivered to the saints", and with subtlety. There are many professing Christians ignoring these facts, being deceived, but when the true Church of our Lord, His blood bought Bride is suddenly removed at the blessed Rapture, then what is left of this Christian profession will become a mass of religious corruption - the FALSE Church of Rev. 17. In the midst of all this today, the true believer will insist that the only hope for the true church is the immediate return of the Bridegroom, Christ Himself!

Beloved, to the watchful Christian Christ will come as the expected BRIDEGROOM (Matt.25:6) To a careless believer it may be a SURPRISE or shame (1 Jno.2:28). Watchfulness will produce carefulness of conduct and preparedness for departure (Mark 13:32-37). To ISRAEL, Christ will appear as a DELIVERER (Rom.11:26). To the unsuspecting WORLD as a THIEF and with sudden destruction (1Thess.5:1-3). To the PROFESSING CHURCH He says - "I WILL SPEAK THEE OUT OF MY MOUTH" - Rev.3:16. Let the Saviour speak to us, saying - "WHAT I SAY UNTO YOU, I SAY UNTO ALL - WATCH!"

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Faithfully yours in Christ,

