

Revelation 22:12-15
Appropriate Responses to Jesus' 2nd Coming

INTRO: "Just wait until your father gets home!"

The Lord Jesus' imminent return should evoke two (very different) responses;
(depending on whether you're an *obedient believer* or a *disobedient unbeliever*).

Revelation 22:12-15; 20:10-15; 21:7-8; Matthew 24-25.

Faithful doers of God's Word will be _____.

Those who disregard God's Revelation will be _____.

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1) _____

(Rev. 22:14; 1 John 1:9)

2) _____

(Rev. 22:17; John 3:16)

3) _____

(Rev. 22:11b; Titus 2:11-14)

For Further Reflection/Application: *How has God been sanctifying you through His Word?*

“Just wait until your father gets home!” How did the opening illustration relate to this morning’s exposition of Revelation 22? Do you relate to this personal illustration? If so, how?

If Caleb Jr. was obedient, how did he view his father’s return home? If Caleb Jr. was unruly and disobedient, how did he view this same reality?

Read 2 Corinthians 13:5. It is critically important to discern whether we’re on the narrow road or whether we’re still on the broad road; (see also Matthew 7:13-27).

We are not saved by good works (Eph. 2:8-9), but we are saved unto good works (Eph. 2:10). The Scriptures teach that one of the defining marks of genuine saving faith is a progressively transformed life (per the message of James and Romans 6-8).

For more instruction on biblical sanctification see Andrew Naselli’s book, “No Quick Fix.”

When God’s prophetic clock strikes 12 it will be “ready or not, here I am come!”
Note Revelation 22:7, 12, 20. It is our job to warn the lost and to plead with them to get right with God while they still can! (2 Corinthians 5:11-21)

Believers are to be watchful and prepared for the imminent return of Christ our King! Think back to our sermon series on Matthew 24-25. This is a major theme in the New Testament.

Note John 3:35-36- What right does Jesus have to make statements and threats like this?
Note Revelation 22:13

Have you RSVP’d for the heavenly banquet? No one with sin-soiled garments will be seated at the King’s Table! Note Revelation 21:7-8; 22:14-15.

From Revelation 20-22 the three marks of a heaven-bound Christian are:

- 1) *Repentance*- Revelation 22:14, 1 John 1:9; Psalm 32:1; Romans 4:7-8.
- 2) *Faith*- Revelation 22:17; John 3:16; Acts 16:31.
- 3) *Obedience*- Revelation 22:11b; Titus 2:11-14; 2 Peter 3:11-13; 1 John 3:2-3.

Jesus is coming soon. What is the appropriate response to this prophecy if you are a genuine Christian?

What is the appropriate response to the sure prospect of Jesus’ imminent return if you are an unbeliever?

Related Praise Songs: *Theology fuels Doxology! We dig deeply in God's Word in order that we may go high in praise and adoration!*

What Sacred Fountain- Keith and Kristyn Getty

I Will Trust My Saviour Jesus- CityAlight

The Sands of Time are Sinking- <https://www.capitolhillbaptist.org/resources/music/>

Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)- Casting Crowns

When We See Your Face- Sovereign Grace Music

See He Comes- Sovereign Grace Music

Blessed Assurance- Jubilant Sykes

Related Scripture Passages: *Search the Scriptures to see if these things be so.*

Revelation 22:11-21. Psalm 32:1; Matt. 7:13-27; 24-25; John 3:35-36; Acts 16:31; Rom. 4:7-8; Romans 6-8; 2 Cor. 5:11-21; 13:5; Eph. 2:8-10; Col. 3:1-4; Titus 2:11-14; 2 Peter 3:11-13; 1 John 1:9.

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