

## The Second Coming Of Christ

Text: "I will come again." John 14:3

"Watch, therefore, for ye know neither the day  
nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."  
Matt. 25:13

Over nineteen centuries ago, this commonplace old world of ours was visited by a being from another world. My, what a thought that is. How wonderful and soul-stirring. from the celestial world of light and glory Jesus deigned to come and walk this sin-cursed planet with His holy feet. While here He said, "I am come down from heaven."

He is not here today. Long ago He returned to His Father. He was received up into heaven. Before He left the earth, He said, "I will come again."

His word is true. Jesus is really coming back. This is not an invention of man, nor a cunningly devised fable; it is a revelation of God and His Word. The coming of Christ is one of the prominent truths of the Holy Bible.

The New Testament is made up of 27 7 books. Within the 27 Books there are 260 chapters and if you will wend your way through those 260 you will find the truth of our Lord's coming referred to some-like 300 times. This means that in every 25 verses there is one specific reference to the Lord's coming. In fact, this truth permeates the New Testament. There are only two Books in which the truth of the second coming is not mentioned. Philemon and III John. These were letters sent to private individuals. In fact, more space is given to this truth than any other theme you care to think of.

Let us notice a few of our Lord's positive statements as to His return.

1. "I will come again." Jno. 14:3
2. "I will not leave you comfortless, but will come to you." Jno. 14:18
3. "I go away and come again unto you." Jno. 14:28
4. "Ye shall not see Me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." Matt. 23:29
5. "They shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."  
Matt. 24:30



6. "The Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels." Matt. 16:27

7. "Behold, I come quickly." Rev. 22:7

Not only do we find coming from the lips of the Master POSITIVE STATEMENTS as to His coming again; but IN MANY OF THE PARABLES THIS GREAT TRUTH WAS FORCEFULLY PRESENTED. Let us notice just a few parables.

①. Parable of the ten virgins.

Here He liken His coming to a marriage ceremony. He uses His coming as an argument for watchfulness. "Watch therefore." Why?

a. Because He shall come as a thief in the night. 1 Thess. 5:2. II Pet. 3:10.

b. Because He shall come suddenly. Mark 13:36. Matt. 24:44.

Yes, He is coming soon. He is at the door. His feet are on the threshold. His hand is on the latch. The archangel has the trumpet to his lips. It may take place in the next few minutes. Men and women are putting off that eventful day. They are trying to think it will not come in their lifetime. Oh, friend, It is later than you think. The day is far spent. The shadows of the great tribulation are beginning to fall. We are nearing the midnight hour. The hour of deadline is about to strike. Oh, strong man, king woman, precious young people, don't oh, please don't miss the rapture.

②. Parable of the talents.

Here in this parable he speaks of diligence and faithfulness.

3. Marriage of the King's Son.

The key thought in this parable is readiness.

This morning I shall draw your attention to the parable of the Ten Virgins. Read the account. Here our Lord compares his coming to an Eastern marriage ceremony.

The ceremony was performed in the open air, on the banks of a stream. The bride and the groom were attended by friends. They were escorted in a carriage, carried by four men. After the ceremony there was a great feast in the home of the bride. If the bride was a virgin the feast lasted seven days, if a widow it lasted only three days.