



SAVED TO SERVE
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REVELATION 22:
BLESSINGS AND WARNINGS

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will study the final chapter of the Bible, Revelation 22, to understand God's last message of blessings and warnings to mankind.
2. What will we be doing in heaven? Revelation 22:3; Isaiah 66:22, 23 _____
3. Read Revelation 22:4. What condition must we be in to see God's face? Matthew 5:8 _____
4. How can we receive a pure heart or mind? Psalm 12:6; 24:4-6; Philippians 4:8; Hebrews 10:22

5. **Note:** Revelation ends with similar words to how it began. Jesus makes sure to remind us that the principles contained in Revelation are vital to our knowledge and salvation. We must heed every warning and accept every blessing. See the following points for confirmation.

6. Why must we continually study the book of Revelation? Revelation 22:6; 1:1

7. What event will happen shortly, and how many times is that statement made in Revelation 22? Revelation 22:7, 12, 20

8. Compare Revelation 1:3 with Revelation 22:7, 10. Notice the similarities and the phrase "for the time is at hand." What "time" is referred to in these verses? Revelation 22:10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Ecclesiastes 12:14

9. **Note:** The previous points shows us that Jesus' words in Revelation 22, "Behold, I come quickly," have a double application: firstly, it points to Jesus' Second Coming, and secondly, it refers to Jesus coming to our names in the judgment to pronounce a verdict upon our cases.

10. As we discovered, Revelation 22 mentions three times that Jesus is coming quickly. The fact that this is mentioned multiple times in the same chapter means it is certain and it is an urgent message. Even though Jesus has not yet come, why should God's people still preach this message with urgency? Matthew 24:44-51

"Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matthew 24:44. Go to your rest at night with every sin confessed. Thus we did when in 1844 we expected to meet our Lord. And now this great event is nearer than when we first believed. Be ye always ready, in the evening, in the morning, and at noon, that when the cry is heard, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him," you may, even though awakened out of sleep, go forth to meet Him with your lamps trimmed and burning." {9T 48.3}

11. What are the characteristics of the evil servant? See the quotations below.

"That evil servant who said in his heart, "My Lord delayeth His coming," professed to be waiting for Christ. **He was a "servant," outwardly devoted to the service of God while at heart he had yielded to Satan.**" {CCh 344.1}

"He does not, like the scoffer, openly deny the truth, but reveals in his life the sentiment of the heart—that the Lord's coming is delayed. Presumption renders him careless of eternal interests. He accepts the world's maxims and conforms to its customs and practices. Selfishness, worldly pride, and ambitions predominate. Fearing that his brethren may stand higher than himself, he begins to disparage their efforts and impugn their motives. Thus he smites his fellow servants." {CCh 344.2}

12. What blessing and rewards are mentioned in Revelation 22:14? _____

13. Revelation 22:14 highlights the importance of entering the city through the gates. Gates are an entry way from one place, or compartment, to another just as doors are. For one application, who do the gates represent? John 10:7; Matthew 7:13-14; John 14:6

14. Read John 10:1. Who will try to enter the holy city, New Jerusalem, but not through the gates? Revelation 20:7-9; 22:14-15

15. Revelation 22:15 says that “dogs” will be among those who are without the city - New Jerusalem. Is this referring to literal animals? What group of people do dogs symbolize in scripture? Psalm 22:16; Philippians 3:2

16. In order to avert the judgment of the wicked - those who are called dogs in scripture - we must understand their characteristics, so that we can examine ourselves. What sins, if cherished, will cause people to be labeled as dogs by God and ultimately lost?

a) 2 Peter 2:19-22 - _____

b) Hebrews 10:35, 37-39 - _____

c) Isaiah 56:10-11 - _____

17. For us to be saved and to not draw back into sin, we must know Jesus Christ for ourselves. What title is given to Jesus which assures us that He will ground us in the faith? Revelation 22:16; Ephesians 3:16-19; Colossians 2:6-8

18. What invitation and promise is given by the Godhead in Revelation 22:17?

19. What warning is given in Revelation 22:18? _____

20. What warning is given in Revelation 22:19? _____

21. When we truly have accepted Jesus into our hearts and are allowing Him to quench our spiritual thirst, what will be the language of our souls? Revelation 22:20

22. Meditate on the experience of the Advent believers when they expected Jesus to return in 1844.

“With diligent searching of heart and humble confessions we came prayerfully up to the time of expectation. Every morning we felt that it was our first work to secure the evidence that our lives were right before God. Our interest for one another increased; we prayed much with and for one another. We assembled in the orchards and groves to commune with God and to offer up our petitions to Him, feeling more fully in His presence when surrounded by His natural works. **The joys of salvation were more necessary to us than our food and drink. If clouds obscured our minds, we dared not rest or sleep till they were swept away by the consciousness of our acceptance with the Lord.**” {1T 55.2}