

REVELATION Lesson 206

Chapter 22:6-21 Last Words

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- Vs 6** “**These sayings are faithful and true.**” In God’s final chapter, He wants us to know that we can trust what He has given us; we can trust that we have His words.
- “...**things which must shortly be done.**” As God views things from an eternal perspective, everything in His plan will be fulfilled very rapidly.
- Vs 7** “...**blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.**” This is not a promise of future blessing, it is present tense. If you are not enjoying God’s blessings today, check if you’re holding to God’s words. Maybe you’ve let something slip.
- 8-10** “**Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.**” The time we live in today has the most advantages for Christians than any other time in history. There have never been so many resources to help a Christian learn and grow and study the word of God. The Holy Bible is available all over the world in hundreds of languages. That was not true in ages past. God’s book is wide open to us today!
- Vs 11** “**Unjust**” is contrasted with “**Righteous.**” “**Filthy**” is contrasted with “**Holy.**”
- Vs 15** “**Without are dogs,**” etc. People out in the world need the gospel (1 Cor 15:1-4). Jesus commanded that we go into the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15). He didn’t tell us to teach them doctrine. They can’t receive it (1 Cor 2:14).
- Vs 16** “¹⁶**I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches.**” Doctrine is for believers (1 Tim 4:13, 5:17). God wants those who get saved to gather together as a body of believers (Heb 10:24-25) “**in the churches**” to be taught the word of God.
- Christians who don’t attend church have a disadvantage. They will avoid studying the parts of the bible that would convict them and help them make some changes.
 - God’s Holy Spirit can deal with God’s people best when they gather to hear the preaching of His word in the church house.

THE FINAL WORDS OF THE ANGEL

- Vs 9** “**Worship God.**” This command is included in God’s final words to mankind.
- Men are incurably religious no matter what background they come from.
 - In the book of Revelation, men worship the Lord, the Lamb, God, idols, and the beast (3:9, 4:10, 9:20, 11:1, 14:7, 13:8, 13:12, 13:15)
 - Whatever you idolize today, God lets you know that is an improper form of worship. If it is not God, don’t worship it. Worship God (Mt 4:10).

THE FINAL WORDS OF GOD THE FATHER

- 18-19** God’s last words to man are: Don’t add to my words and don’t take away from my words.

- Don't **add** your opinions, interpretations, dogmas, decrees, supposed "words of knowledge," or "supernatural revelations from God."
 - Don't **remove** words that you think are not in the "originals, verses that you don't think were translated properly, or passages that weren't in the so-called "best manuscripts."
 - You don't have to like God's words, but you'd better not teach someone "*That verse shouldn't be there,*" or "*That doesn't mean that,*" or "*Those words were added,*" or "*I don't think that's right...*" Changing God's words is a most serious offense!
 - Mormons have "another testament" called the book of Mormon. They have added to God's words. They have violated God's command. They have no part in the book of life.
 - Jehovah's witnesses carry a bible, but they use a version that REMOVES the teachings of hell, REMOVES the deity of Jesus Christ and the blood atonement. They have no part in the book of life.
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THE FINAL WORDS OF GOD THE SON

Vs 20 "Surely I come quickly." He is coming to get His bride. Will she be ready?

- To the unsaved, the warning is don't wait! "Surely I come quickly." It will be too late if you wait to receive the Lord after He comes.
 - Are you saved? The warning is to live right today because "Surely I come quickly." Don't delay doing the things that you need to get done (prayer, witnessing, serving, studying, devotions, sanctification, consecration, etc.).
 - Whatever you need to get done, you don't have time to wait.
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THE FINAL WORDS OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

Often Christians think they got a private message from the Holy Spirit, only to find out they were being led by their own feelings and desires. The Holy Spirit will never lead you to do anything that goes against the written word of God.

Vs 17 "¹⁷ **And the Spirit and the bride say, Come.**" The Holy Spirit never promotes or exalts Himself or His gifts. The Holy Spirit pleads with people to come to Jesus Christ.

- The Holy Spirit dwells in believers (John 14:17, Rom 8:9-11, 1 Cor 3:16).
 - Notice the Spirit does not speak alone. The Spirit AND the bride say, Come.
 - Believers are the voice of the Holy Spirit:
 - Convincing the world of sin and righteousness and warning of judgment to come (John 16:8).
 - Drawing men to Christ (John 12:32).
 - We call ourselves "soul winners" (Prov 11:30), but without the Holy Spirit, we could not win a soul to Christ. The Spirit and the bride can get it done.
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THE FINAL WORDS OF MAN (JOHN)

Vs 21 "Amen." So be it.