

Come Again, Too Revelation 22:20

Revelation 22:20 (ESV)

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Greetings, Patriots! My name is Perry Greene, the host of GodNAmerica. Thank you for listening in today for our weekday devotional thought. Yesterday I titled the devotional, “Come Again.” I am calling this one, “Come Again, Too (T-O-O).”

The early disciples apparently thought that Jesus was going to return at any minute. He promised His return (**Matthew 25:31**) and they believed it! They were living for it!

Can you imagine what it must have been like to have been among the twelve disciples? Each morning for about three years they would wake and wonder, “What is Jesus was going to show us today?” They would wonder where He might take them and what amazing things He would do. They not only went on a grand adventure in their lives, they got to see the love of God in action – in the flesh (**John 14:7, 9 ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.**” /// **Verse 9: . . . Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. . .**). It’s an amazing thought to consider that these disciples walked with Jesus, watched what He was doing, and listened to His teachings, then realized that He was “God in the flesh.”

When Jesus was taken from these disciples their world was shaken. They saw Him removed by a brutal death on the cross. They renewed their hope through the resurrection and about forty days of His presence. Then they witnessed His ascension and once again experienced His absence. Yet they believed His promise:

³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also” (John 14:3, ESV).

So they waited. In the interim they received the promised Holy Spirit (see **John 20:22 ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.**) They also received an all-important business (**Acts 1:8**). Yet, they longed for His return. They knew justice will come at His return (**2 Thessalonians 1:7-8 . . . when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels ⁸ in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus**). They knew the rewards of righteousness would come at His return (**Matthew 25:31-40**). They also knew that the greatest reward was to be with Him. Paul writes in **Colossians 3:4 (ESV):**

⁴When Christ, who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”

Jesus IS our life now and WILL BE forever. We talk about seeing loved ones when we get to heaven. That will be a blessing, but the greatest blessing will be in seeing and being with Jesus.

We say with John, “Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!”

We will have another devotional thought on Monday. Until then . . .

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