



**Sunday School Lesson Summary for May 27, 2007
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“Christ Will Return”

LESSON: Revelation 22:6-10, 12-13,16-21

GOLDEN TEXT-"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20).

Revelation 22:6-10, 12-13, and 16-21

6And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

7Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

8And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

9Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

10And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

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12And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

13I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

...

16I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

17And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

18For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

20He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

21The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

TEACHER'S NOTES ON THE LESSON

As though to reassure future readers, Jesus confirmed that everything John wrote down concerning things to come is true. Judgment will in fact come upon the earth. God will indeed be the ultimate victor over evil. Believers will have an eternal dwelling place too glorious to adequately describe. And God Himself will live among them. It had been the Lord God Himself who sent an angel to reveal these things to John. Jesus later revealed that the sender was Himself.

But then Jesus added a promise. He personally will return. He made this promise repeatedly.

It is interesting that He linked the promise of His coming back to another coming, as if to say, "I am coming. Now *you* come. Come to Me for the water of life. I am giving it freely."

That is an invitation, but it is also more. It is the appeal of God's longing heart to the created beings He deeply loves. "Anyone who is thirsty, come. I love you. I want you. Come."

Matthew 11:28-30 is a familiar passage in which Jesus appealed to everyone to come to Him. He still seeks to save all who are lost.

This lesson lends itself well to reviewing the gospel in detail for children who may not yet understand what Jesus has done for them. Let them hear what He has done for them. Let them hear that His invitation is for them.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Teach that Jesus has promised He will return.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. Jesus said that in some future day, He will come back.
2. Today Jesus invites people to come to Him.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS

For Telling the Lesson and Telling How to Live, use sheets of different colored construction paper and marking pens to prepare five signs, each reading "Come."

For Helping to Remember, the children will need a 6-inch yellow paper plate and a 24-inch piece of yarn. Take marking pens, glue, glitter, and a paper punch.

BEGINNING THE LESSON

Judy and her little brother and her parents were moving to a faraway city. Dad was there now, getting everything ready for the rest of the family to come.

One day when Judy came home from school, Mom met her with a big smile. "Happy news!" Mom said. "Dad just called. He says he will be coming back to get us soon. Before long the family will be all together in our new home."

"Hooray!" Judy cried, for that was happy news.

We have been hearing good news about God's city, where His people will live someday. There is another piece of happy news we have not talked about yet. Let us find out what it is.

TELLING THE LESSON

To really understand the Bible lesson today, we need to go back to just before Jesus died. He was eating supper for the last time with His friends (cf. John 14:2-3). He knew it was almost time for Him to go to the cross, and there were still more things He wanted them to know.

He told them He was going away. But then He said, "In the heavenly Father's house there are many living places. I am going there to get a place ready for you. I will come back to get you so that you can be where I am." (Put up first "Come" sign.) Jesus would die for our sins. God would then make Him alive again, and He would go away to heaven for a while. But He was coming back. That was happy news!

Later on, Jesus would let one of those friends see what God's heavenly city will be like. He sent an angel to show John around the city. When the angel was finished, he said, "All I have told you is true. These things will really happen. The Lord God Himself sent me so that His people would know what will happen." He told John that Jesus would come soon. (Put up second "Come" sign.)

John felt like bowing down to this special angel, but the angel said, "No, do not do that. I am just one of God's servants, as you are. Bow down to God."

Then John heard Jesus Himself talking. Jesus said, "I am coming soon. I am bringing rewards for My people. I myself sent My angel to tell you these things."

There are few things in life that we can always count on, but Jesus' return is one of them. In fact, His return is more sure than the sunrise tomorrow.

Yes, Jesus will come back to earth someday. (Put up third "Come" sign.) He will come back for the boys and the girls and the grown-ups who believe He died for their sins. He will take them to live with Him forever. What happy news that is!

Jesus *will* come back someday for His people. He promised. We shall see Him. We do not know when that will happen, but we can be ready. The Bible tells us how.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE

Did you ever get an invitation? When you get an invitation, you know someone wants you to come. The Bible ends with Jesus' invitation to us all to come to Him and get everlasting life. "Come . . . come . . . come," it says in Revelation 22:17. (Put up fourth "Come" sign.) Come to Jesus by believing that God sent Him to die for you. He will give you everlasting life—it is free! You come to Him, and then you will be ready for *Him* to come. (Put up fifth "Come" sign.)

Perhaps you already belong to Jesus. If so, say thank You that He will come back and you will be with Him forever.

HELPING TO REMEMBER

Let the children print "Jesus Is Coming" on their plates and then decorate them with glue and glitter. Punch a hole at the top of each for them to insert their yarn. Tie the yarn so that the plate can be worn as a medallion.

EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT

"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20).

To testify means to tell what you know is true. "These things" are the things John wrote about. Jesus Himself said these things will really happen. Then He said, "I am coming back." And His people say, "Yes, Lord Jesus. Come."

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D U Y K T W W C F Y P P N P M
W S C O O I M B L E S S E D O
E U E J M D R K L W G W M H R
Q Z H W N E C I R I B Y O D N
W W P H O I G I P F F L C O I
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P U T H G I R B F E C A R G Z

ALPHA
BLESSED
CITY
GOD
JESUS
LORD
PROPHECY
STAR
WRITTEN

AMEN
BOOK
COME
GRACE
JOHN
MORNING
QUICKLY
WATER

ANGEL
BRIGHT
FREELY
HOLY
LIFE
OMEGA
SPIRIT
WORSHIP

25 of 25 words were placed into the puzzle.

Christ Will Return Solution

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A + O + U R T A L S Y E + G N
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(Over, Down, Direction)

ALPHA (9, 7, E)
AMEN (7, 11, NW)
ANGEL (5, 10, NE)
BLESSED (8, 2, E)
BOOK (1, 10, S)
BRIGHT (8, 15, W)
CITY (12, 8, W)
COME (13, 5, N)
FREELY (9, 15, N)
GOD (14, 6, N)
GRACE (14, 15, W)
HOLY (14, 3, SW)
JESUS (14, 7, SW)
JOHN (2, 7, NE)
LIFE (9, 3, SE)
LORD (9, 11, NW)
MORNING (15, 1, S)
OMEGA (4, 2, SE)
PROPHECY (3, 8, N)
QUICKLY (4, 7, NE)
SPIRIT (10, 6, NW)
STAR (10, 11, E)
WATER (1, 5, S)
WORSHIP (4, 4, SE)
WRITTEN (10, 3, SW)

TRUE OR FALSE:

1. "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." **REVELATION 22:7**

TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

2. "Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. Then he said to me, 'See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. _____

_____.' " **REVELATION 22:8-9**

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

3. "And he said to me, 'Do not (**SEAL, STEAL**) the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.' " **REVELATION 22:10**

4. "And behold, I am coming (**SLOWLY, QUICKLY**), and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work." **REVELATION 22:12**

5. "And the Spirit and the bride say, '**(COME!, HELLO)**' And let him who hears say, '**(COME!, HELLO)**' And let him who thirsts come. And whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely." **REVELATION 22:17**

"THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOU ALL."

REVELATION 22:21