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The Believers' Attitude Toward the Coming of Christ – Loving It, Awaiting It, and Taking It as an Encouragement

Since **we know** that the Lord's second coming is so precious, we should love the Lord's appearing (2 Tim. 4:8). The Bible concludes with "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20). From the record in the New Testament, it is not difficult to discover that in their hearts the apostles firmly believed that the Lord would come quickly, and they also lived a life in preparation for the Lord's second coming. In the church's history, I know that Miss M. E. Barber was one who lived such a life. On the last day of 1925, Brother Nee went to pray with her, and she prayed, "Lord, do You really mean to say that You will let 1925 pass by, that You will wait until 1926 before You come back? However, on this last day I still pray that You will come back today!" Not long afterward, Brother Nee met her on the street, and again she said to him, "It is really strange that up to this day He has not yet come back." **Do not think that since we are clear concerning the signs of the Lord's coming, we can be slothful and can first love the world and then pursue the Lord when the last week comes. There is no such convenience.** We should believe that the Lord is to be feared. In Luke 12 the Lord gave a parable concerning a rich man who endeavored to lay up wealth for himself so that his soul might enjoy itself and be merry. But God said to him, "Foolish one, this night they are requiring your soul from you" (vv. 16-20). **Every "today" that we have is truly the Lord's grace. Therefore, as long as we have today, as long as we still have breath, we should love the Lord and His appearing, await the Lord's coming (Phil. 3:20), and always take His coming as an encouragement.**

In 2 Timothy 4:1 Paul said to Timothy, "I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom." This is an exhortation from Paul immediately before his martyrdom. He said that he had fought the good fight, he had finished the course, and he had kept the faith, and that at the judgment seat he would be awarded the crown of righteousness, which would be awarded to all those who have loved His appearing (vv. 6-8). He reminded Timothy, and also us, by the Lord's judgment and kingdom, that **we should have a living that loves the Lord's appearing.** This will cause us **not to be discouraged, not to backslide, not to become weak, but to remain faithful to the end.**

Watching and Being Ready for It

When the Lord comes, He will come secretly as a thief to those who love Him and will steal them away as His treasures and bring them into His presence in the heavens (Matt. 24:42-43). Hence, we need to watch and be ready (25:13 ; 24:44). **If we desire to be raptured, first we must be filled** with the heavenly breath and have oil in our vessels. **If we are rooted on the earth and occupied daily with the anxieties of this life and with earthly pleasures, we will not be raptured at that time.** We should remember Lot's wife. Because she loved and treasured the evil world, which God was going to judge and utterly destroy, she took a backward look. Thus, she became a pillar of salt and was left to suffer in a place of shame. This should be a warning to us. If we love the world, the Lord will leave us here to pass through the great tribulation so that we may be put to shame until we become mature and are raptured.

Beseeching to Prevail to Escape

The Lord also reminded us **to take heed to ourselves and to be watchful at every time**, beseeching lest our hearts be weighed down with debauchery and drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that the day of the great tribulation come upon us suddenly as a snare; for it will come in upon all those dwelling on the face of all the earth. We should **guard our hearts and give all the room to the Lord** so that we may prevail to escape all these things and stand before the Son of Man (Luke 21:34-36 ; cf. Rev. 12:5-6 , 14).

To attain maturity is not an overnight matter. Therefore, for His coming **we must prepare ourselves, love Him, and grow in Him**, that at His appearing we may be mature to be raptured and receive the reward (Excerpts from The Up-to-date Presentation of the God-ordained Way and the Signs concerning the Coming of Christ, CWWL, 1990, vol. 3).

*Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
~ Matt.28:19*

Church Announcements:

1. Prayer Mtg by Area – Sept 8
2. Church in Saskatoon Camping Invitation – Sept 18-20. Due date: Sept 6.
3. Church Pursuit – Sept 7 at Arcola Community Centre at 4pm
4. New HWMR – Noah, Daniel and Job – Patterns of Living an Overcoming Life...

Conferences & Trainings

1. Chinese-Speaking Conference – Feb. 13-15 Anaheim CA USA
2. Spring ITERO – Mar. 20-22 Anaheim CA USA
3. Memorial Day Conference – May 22-25, Dallas TX USA
4. Summer Training – Jun. 29-Jul.4 Anaheim CA USA
5. Fall ITERO – Sept. 24-26 Amsterdam Netherlands
6. Thanksgiving Conference – Nov. 26-29 Denver CO USA
7. Winter Training – Dec. 21-26 Anaheim CA USA

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PRAYER BURDENS:

1. Lord have mercy on us that we would be faithful to fully exercise our one talent. Save us from being content of our salvation and adjust our attitude towards our work and service that we may receive a reward.
2. Motivate and compel us to put the self aside, forsake everything, and cooperate with You so You can work Yourself into us and display Your sobriety and righteousness. May we all pay the price to receive the reward of the kingdom.
3. Lord, cause us to give heed to the prophetic word as the lamp shining in a dark place until the day dawns and the morning star rise in our hearts. Enlighten us and make us watchful, looking for Your appearing.
4. Save us in this age of darkness for You are the lamp within us causing us to be full of light inwardly. Strengthen us to continue enjoying You until You appear as the morning star and dawn as the Sun of righteousness.
5. Lord, make today an opportunity for us to love You and love Your appearing. Cause us to earnestly wait for Your coming. Have mercy on us that we would see You not as the Sun, but as the bright morning star.
6. Encourage us to pray, be watchful, and remain faithful to the end. Bring us to maturity that Your Body may be manifested and that Your bride may be prepared. We trust in Your timing and we respond with "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for upcoming ITERO in Amsterdam on September 24 to 26. Please pray that the Lord will release a timely word to all the leading ones and the saints in Europe and around the globe, and that the saints everywhere will receive the revelation and the life supply in this word that will enable them to cooperate with the Lord for the building up of the Body and the preparation of the bride to end this age.

Local Burdens

1. Pray for the finalization of the purchase of the meeting hall - [1550 Park St.](#) Please pray:
 - That all legal, financial, and practical matters be completed in peace, without hindrance, and in a timely manner leading up to the possession date of December 1, 2026.
 - For all the saints to be blessed abundantly and be faithful to give their offerings and pledges of \$100,000 by October 31, 2026.
 - For the strong financial support of \$250,000 and persistent prayers from all the saints in the local churches of Canada.
2. Pray for the new semester and our campus work at the University of Regina. May the Lord gain new ones who are simple, pure, open and hungry for the Lord's word. May they see Christ and the church.
3. Pray for positive approval of the immigration papers of Liu/Qu, Aguador, Alforte and Gonzales families.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

- ✓ Lord's Table & Prophesying—Lord's Day 10:00-12:00PM
- ✓ Prayer Meeting—Tuesdays 7:00-8:00PM
- ✓ Chinese-Speaking Bible Reading—Mondays 7:15-8:15PM
- ✓ College Meetings—Fridays 6:30-8:30PM
- ✓ YP Meetings—Sundays 4:00-5:30 PM
- ✓ Children's Meeting—Saturdays 10:00-11:00AM
- ✓ Small Group Meetings—Fridays/Saturdays 7:00-8:30PM