



SUNDAY MORNING'S SERMON OUTLINE

THE KING IS COMING • REVELATION 1:3-8

The King, Jesus Christ is coming, and we must live like it. We must know about the second coming of Jesus. Revelation 1 gives us seven lessons that we must learn about the second coming of Jesus.

LESSON #1: THE KING BLESSES OBEDIENCE

The Book of Revelation starts with a warning for us. It is not a book to just entertain us and stimulate us for intellectual sake. The Book of Revelation and the second coming of Jesus are meant to push us to obedience, to love Jesus more, and to have our character conform to the holiness and likeness of Jesus. In verse 3, it tells us, "Blessed is he who...heed the things which are written in it." Jesus wants us to be impacted and our faith increased by reading and thinking about His second coming.

The blessing of Revelation is to see things as they will be. We are the people who know that Jesus is coming. This is not just for the future and our curiosity, but for right now as we look more like Jesus and to proclaim His gospel.

LESSON #2: THE KING HAS THE FINAL WORD

2020 has not taken Jesus by surprise. Jesus is described as, "from Him who is and who was and who is to come", and "the ruler of the kings of the earth", in verse 5. God never stops existing. God created everything. God is now and will be forever. God has the final word on our lives.

The book of Revelation describes Jesus' divinity in crystal clear terms. Verse 5 says, "...To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by his blood." Jesus is directly and worshiped as God. His reign is unmatched. Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega. He is the beginning, the end, and everything in between. Amidst everything, we have hope to endure because the King is coming back and He has the final word.

LESSON #3: THE KING WANTS FAITHFUL WITNESSES

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness. The theme of the faithful witness is mentioned several times in the book of Revelation. God wants us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and be a faithful witness. Jesus wants us to keep our witness through any situation and circumstance, just as He did when he stood before Pontius Pilate.

Revelation 2 highlights a man by the name of Antipas. He was a martyr in a land where Satan dwelled. He remained a faithful witness by following in the footsteps of Jesus. Jesus is the supreme example of remaining faithful to the mission of the Father despite the conditions. We must continue to be a faithful witness despite the immorality and moral destruction of our city. We cannot give up being a faithful witness until Jesus comes back.

LESSON #4: THE KING HAS GUARANTEED VICTORY

Our King, Jesus Christ, has already guaranteed the victory of His second coming with the victory of His first coming. Jesus is called the "firstborn of the dead" (vs. 5). You cannot have a "firstborn of the dead" without the resurrection. When Jesus rose from the dead, He guaranteed that when we trust in Him, we will resurrect from the dead. Knowing this should cause our faith to soar.

The victory of the first coming of Jesus brings us His love and freedom from the penalty and the power of sin. We are now free from the guilt of sin, and now we are free to obey Him. Jesus does not just save us from our sins, He transforms us to walk in newness of life. This is the victory of the Gospel, and this victory guarantees the second coming of Jesus, our King.

LESSON #5: THE KING WILL COMFORT HIS PEOPLE

Our coming King, Jesus Christ, will comfort His people. This is comforting because if we are the kingdom now, we will receive the kingdom forever. If we are priests now, we will enjoy His presence forever (vs. 6). Right now, Jesus has made us a kingdom and priest, and everything that we have been praying will arrive. "Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done. On Earth as it is in heaven." When the King is here, His reign will be immense and unhindered. That is good news and such a great comfort for us.

1 Peter 2:9 describes what it means to be a priest. A priest is someone who mediates on behalf of God and for the people. As priests, we would mediate the message of the Gospel to the world. We are to mediate God's message to others so they might be comforted at the return of Jesus just as we will be. The comfort of Jesus is only available to those who know Jesus as their Savior and Lord.

LESSON #6: THE KING WILL TERRIFY OTHERS

The second coming will be a bone-chilling reality for many. The first coming of Jesus was humble, quiet, and in a poor manger surrounded by smelly sheep. The second coming will be that of a royal king, loud with a trumpet blast, and with a strong army. He is not coming with a rod and staff to comfort. He is coming with a sword on a horse and wearing a robe that has the blood of the enemies that He slaughtered.

There will be mourning for everyone who has not bowed a knee to Jesus Christ, our King during the second coming. He will pierce unbelievers for their transgressions. People will cry out for rocks to fall upon them, so they do not have to face the Lamb (Revelation 6:14-17). We have a message that brings comfort. The only way to avoid mourning when Jesus returns is to mourn today in repentance. Blessed are those who mourn now, for they shall be comforted. If you do not want to be terrified at His second coming, you must mourn now for your sins.

LESSON #7: THE KING IS COMING QUICKLY

We are running out of time. Several times it is mentioned in Revelation, "for the time is near" (1:3; 22:10). Jesus' last words in Revelation 22:20 tells us that He is coming quickly. We must be on mission. We have a deadline. Our cause is the greatest in the world and the stakes are eternal. Jesus will come at the proper time, but He is patient and waiting. He is waiting on our repentance and not wanting anyone to perish. We will perish if we have not repented of our sins before He returns. Jesus is coming, and He is coming quickly.