

“10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.” (Ac 1:10-11)

“1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house are many mansions: if *it were* not *so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.” (Joh 14:1-3)

I want to lay some ideas at the door of your mind today. I will try to do as little speculation as possible on this great subject

First a caution from Isaiah 42: 8 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

And Isaiah 48:5 I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; before it came to pass I shewed it thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them.

This gives us the purpose of prophecy; so we will know that God has done it.

I want to look at several things this morning about the second coming of Christ.

I. First. How will He come:

A. By the Power of God.

1. He will come in the clouds of Heaven and every eye shall see Him. Re 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.
2. Just as He went away. He will be the same Jesus, but a glorified, exalted King, with a retinue of Angels and the Redeemed of all Ages whom He will bring with Him.

B. By the wisdom of God: He will come according to the times and season which God has kept in His own power. He is the first begotten from the dead, and He comes to finish what He started at His first coming.

II. He will come as a thief in the night, when all things predicted of Him are fulfilled.

A. There are no conditions for His coming, other than these: which you and I cannot know.

B. 2Peter 3:3-14

1. All of the elect must be saved.
2. When He comes, it will be the end of this present world. When He comes, He takes all the ungodly away, as He did in the days of Noah. See: Matt 24:39-42

3. We look for a new heaven and a new earth. Christ is the first-fruits.
- C. He will come when His work of subduing all His enemies is completed, for the wheat and the tares will both be ripe for the judgment of the world. There will be the reaping of the world, and the sharp sickle cut down the ungodly. See Rev. 14:13-20.
- D. See also 1 Cor. 15:21-28 These things require faith and humility.
- E. There are no physical signs: It is not for us to know the times and the seasons, as I said with respect to Noah.

III. What will be the results of His coming.

A. All the dead shall be raised: Two important passages:

1. Matthew 25:31ff
 - a. When He comes in His glory.
 - b. Separation then.
 - c. Blessed His sheep, who have done the works of life.
 - d. Cursed the goats, who have not done the works of life.
 - e. The first go away to eternal life: vs. 34 to the reward prepared before the world was.
 - f. The second go away to damnation: vs. 41
 - g. Vs. 46: These shall go away into everlasting punishment; the righteous in life eternal. “righteousness” and “eternal” are the same word.
2. Revelation 20:11-15.

Conclusion and Application:

“1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.” (1Jo 3:1-3)