

## Christ's Return Revelation 19:11-21

The climax of all human history is now unfolded in our text. The purposes of God long hidden in His eternal counsels are now made clear. Jesus steps back into history, no longer the suffering servant, He is Lord of All. This passage makes two truths remarkably vivid. They are:

1. The Absolute Security of Trusting the Power of Jesus. Rev. 19:11-16
2. The Absolute Futility of Resisting the Power of Jesus. Rev. 19:17-21

Look closely as God pulls back the veil and reveals the awesome majesty of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords in all His glory. As we look at each facet of His wondrous character let your heart rest in the security that comes of trusting in Him.

### The Absolute Security of Trusting the Power of Jesus. Rev. 19:11-16

#### v. 11 Trust in His Truth

Revelation 19:11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. (NIV)

Christ now returns with His saints. He came for them in

Rev.4:1. During all of human history He has been watching and waiting. Nothing has missed His eyes. Now He will begin to bring truth to bear upon all lies and falsehoods and deception:

He will execute vengeance, so wait on Him.

Jude 15<sup>15</sup> to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him." (NIV)

2 Peter 2:9<sup>9</sup> if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment. (NIV)

He will repay evil, so trust Him.

Hebrews 10:30<sup>30</sup> For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people." (NIV)

He will vindicate the oppressed, so hope in Him.

Psalms 103:6<sup>6</sup> The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. (NIV)

Psalms 9:9<sup>9</sup> The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble. (NKJV)

He will reward the righteous, so work For Him.

Psalms 58:11<sup>11</sup> So that men will say, "Surely *there* is a reward for the righteous; Surely He is God who judges in the earth." (NKJV)

Matthew 5:12<sup>12</sup> "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (NKJV)

⇒ Are all your sadnesses, anxieties and woes poured out on Him? Only Jesus can give us the rest and peace that

all will be well in Him.

v. 12 Trust in His Intimacy

Revelation 19:12<sup>12</sup> His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. (NIV)

Remember what salvation is:

John 17:3<sup>3</sup> "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. (NKJV)

John 10:27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. (NKJV)

⇒ Do you know Him personally? Do you enjoy talking with Him? How about reading His letters to you, are they at the top of your pile? What do you know of Jesus that only comes by long hours shared?

v. 13 Trust in His Redemption

Revelation 19:13<sup>13</sup> He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. (NIV)

The blood of Christ is the scarlet thread that ties all of the Word into one. It is in His shed blood that we hope.

Ephesians 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace (NKJV)

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. (NKJV)

Revelation 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, (NKJV)

⇒ What are you holding onto to get you to God? Is it

simply the sacrifice of Jesus for you? Is it only that He died in your place, shedding His blood? Is it all that He did and only that you trust His redeeming blood?

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v. 14 Trust in His Faithfulness

Revelation 19:14<sup>14</sup> The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. (NIV)

Not one of the members of His armies are lost, missing, awol. He has and always will faithfully cared for them through sickness, health, adversity, prosperity, loneliness and joy. He is Faithful. The very character of God is that of Faithfulness.

1 Corinthians 1:9 God *is* faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (NKJV)

1 Thessalonians 5:24 He who calls you *is* faithful, who also will do *it*. (NKJV)

2 Thessalonians 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard *you* from the evil one. (NKJV)

1 Peter 4:19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls *to Him* in doing good, as to a faithful Creator. (NKJV)

⇒ Are you resting in His faithful provision for your needs right now? Are you confident in any adversity that God is above all and working through it His glory? How about your health, is it in His Faithful hands? Your children, marital hopes, child bearing desires, college dreams -- are they all given to the Faithful One?

v. 15 Trust in His Judgement

Revelation 19:15<sup>15</sup> Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the

winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.  
(NIV)

Judgment is a “compression into a sudden flash the inevitable results of wrong doing.”<sup>1</sup> As the Red Sea for Pharaoh was the demonstration of the danger to any human power that defies the Supreme power of God. So the judgment on Sodom was about those who trifle with sexual promiscuity, and the judgment of Babylon about the overthrow God gives to nations that trivialize the value of human life.

v. 16 Trust in His Authority

Revelation 19:16<sup>16</sup> On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (NIV)

## The Absolute Futility of Resisting the Power of Jesus. Rev. 19:17-21

Why does the Lord give such a horribly graphic view of these His enemies? To remind us of the Absolute Futility of Resisting the Power of Jesus. What should be our response? Look back at verse 10. There are two gems:

1. Worship God.
2. See Jesus.

How are we to do this? Simply as His Word has instructed us:

- Focus on the reverent presentation of all we have to God as Rom 12.1-2 says is our spiritual worship.

- Let Jesus show Himself to you in every page of His book as He did to the two on the road to Emmaus in Lk. 24:27-31 and I Peter 1.10-11.

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<sup>1</sup> F. B. Meyer, Exodus, p. 133.