

墨爾本華人基督徒以勒團契

【明白真道】

主 榮 耀 再 來

第九課： 儆醒預備主的榮耀再來

「看哪，我必快來！賞罰在我，要照各人所行的報應他。」（啟 22:12）

「因為神救眾人的恩典已經顯明出來，教訓我們「除去不敬虔的心和世俗的情慾，在今世自守，公義，敬虔度日，等候所盼望的福，並等候至大的神和我們救主耶穌基督的榮耀顯現」。」（多 2:11-13）

「因為「時候到了，審判要從神的家起首」。若是先從我們起首，那不信從神福音的人「將有何等的結局呢？」」（彼前 4:17）

主內親愛的眾弟兄姊妹，使徒彼得語重心長的勸勉與提醒：「萬物的結局近了！」，主耶穌基督榮耀再來的時日越來越近了，我們該當怎樣儆醒，等候，預備主來。在基督臺前交賬的時候，面對十字架上曾經被殺的羔羊，為我們捨身，流血，死而復活的主耶穌基督，我們能夠安然見主嗎？我們能夠站立得穩嗎？我們是又良善又忠心的僕人嗎？抑或我們是又惡又懶的僕人呢？我們能夠得著主的稱讚與獎賞嗎？抑或我們要受到主的責備及虧損呢？

（一） 時刻儆醒 - 不要沉睡

「再者，你們曉得「現今就是該趁早睡醒的時候」；因為我們得救，現今比初信的「時候」更近了。黑夜已深，白晝將近」；我們就「當脫去暗昧的行為，帶上光明的兵器」。」（羅 13:11-12）

「所以我們不要睡覺像別人一樣，總要儆醒謹守。」（帖前 5:6）

主耶穌基督親自提醒眾門徒，在等候主榮耀再來的時候上務要儆醒（太 24:42）。因為魔鬼撒旦最渴望出現的境況，就是屬主的聖徒，不認識，不瞭解，或是不關注主榮耀再來的事，以致成為沉睡，無知，糊塗，失敗，軟弱的基督信徒；所以牠會作出許多的迷惑，攪擾和破壞，盼望每一個屬主的聖徒，都以主榮耀再來成為心中盼望的緣由。

(二) 竭力預備 - 多作主工

「以色列啊，我必向你如此行；以色列啊，我既這樣行，你當預備迎見你的神。」
(摩 4:12)

「所以，我親愛的弟兄們，你們務要堅固，不可搖動，「常常竭力多作主工」；因為知道你們的勞苦，在主裏面「不是徒然的」。」 (林前 15:58)

基督聖徒等候主耶穌基督榮耀再來時，不單要時刻儆醒，免得入了迷惑，更應常常竭力多作主工，積極進取的愛神，愛人；甘心樂意的，至死忠心的事奉主，按照主的真理，主的心意來完成祂所托付的使命和責任，神的兒女一生所追求的，不單是地上的物質需要，事業前途，家庭，婚姻，兒女，身體健康；更是應該積攢財寶在天，以致迎見主面的時候，不會兩手空空，羞愧無地。在生活中，事奉中等候主來是何等的有福！

(三) 積極等候 - 盼望主來

「因為他們自己已經報明我們是怎樣進到你們那裏，你們是怎樣離棄偶像，歸向神，要服事那又真又活的神，「等候祂兒子從天降臨」，就是祂從死裏復活的，那位救我們脫離將來忿怒的耶穌。」 (帖前 1:9-10)

「證明這事的說：是了，我必快來！阿們！「主耶穌啊，我願祢來！」(啟 22:20)

地上的人生不過是勞苦愁煩，轉眼成空的人生。所以許多人生活在世上，毫無指望，等老，等病，等死，是何等的無奈，是何等的悲哀。但是基督聖徒的人生，卻是充滿感恩，充滿盼望，積極進取，有價值，有意義的人生。而終極的盼望，就是等候主耶穌基督的榮耀再來，引領我們進入神永恆的國度，進入新天新地，進入神的榮耀，聖潔，平安，喜樂，安息中。主耶穌基督榮耀再來的應許，導致我們心中充滿盼望，充滿感恩，充滿平安，充滿喜樂，心存忍耐，積極等候，盼望主來。

牧者心聲：-

「弟兄們哪，你們要忍耐，直到主來。看哪，農夫忍耐等候地裏寶貴的出產，直到得了秋雨春雨。你們也當忍耐，堅固你們的心，因為主來的日子近了。」(雅 5:7-8)

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Knowledge of the Truth

The Lord's Glorious Second Coming

Lesson 9 – Be watchful and prepare for the Lord's Glorious Second Coming

"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done." (Revelation 22:12)

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in his present age, while we wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ," (Titus 2:11-13)

"For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God, and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?" (1 Peter 4:17)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the apostle Peter sincerely and thoughtfully exhorted and reminded us that: "The end of all things is near". The day of the Lord Jesus' Glorious Second Coming is approaching. We must be watchful, waiting and preparing for the Lord's Second coming. Then we must give an account before the Judgment seat of Christ, and face the sacrificial lamb who was slain on the cross; He who gave Himself for us and bled for us; the Lord Jesus Christ who died and was resurrected. Are we able to be at peace when we face Him? Will we receive the Lord's praise and reward? Or will we be rebuked and suffer loss?

A) Constant alertness – do not deep sleep

"And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. Then night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light." (Romans 13:11-12)

"So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled." (1 Thessalonians 5:6)

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself reminded all disciples, that while we wait for the Lord's glorious Second Coming, we must keep watch (Matthew 24:42). Because the devil Satan desires a situation where the saints of God do not know, do not understand or do not pay attention to matters to do with the Lord's Second Coming, so that they become like deep sleepers, ignorant, foolish, defeated and weak believers of Christ. Therefore, he will do many things to deceive, disturb and damage. May each saint of the Lord have the Lord's glorious Second Coming as the source of hope in their hearts.

B) Give yourselves fully to prepare – working for the Lord

“Therefore this is what I will do to you, Israel, and because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your god, O Israel.” (Amos 4:12)

*“Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always **give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord**, because you know that your labor in the Lord **is not in vain**.” (1 Corinthians 15:58)*

While the Christian saints wait for the Lord Jesus’ glorious Second Coming, they should not only be constantly alert, so that they will not fall into temptation, but they should also give themselves fully to the work of the Lord, actively love God and love people. They should willingly and faithfully serve the Lord until death. According to the Lord’s truth and His will, they should accomplish the purpose and responsibilities He has entrusted to them. Throughout their lives, what the children of God should pursue is not only their earthly needs, career prospects, family, marriage, children or physical health, but they should also store up for themselves treasures in heaven, so that when they meet the Lord, they will not be empty-handed and ashamed. How blessed we are to wait for the Lord’s coming while conducting our lives and serving Him!

C) Actively waiting – anticipating the Lord’s coming

*“for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to **wait for this Son from heaven**, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.” (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10)*

*“He who testifies to these things says, “**Yes, I am coming soon**.” (Revelation 22:20)*

Life on earth is spanned with trouble and sorrow, and it quickly passes. Therefore, many people, while they are living on earth are hopeless, waiting to age, waiting to fall sick, waiting to die. How saddening and woeful it is. But the life of a Christian saint is filled with thanksgiving, filled with hope; a life that is proactive and has value and meaning. The ultimate hope is to wait for the Lord Jesus Christ’s glorious Second Coming, to lead us into God’s eternal kingdom, into the new heaven and new earth and enter into God’s glory, holiness, peace, joy and rest. The promise of the Lord Jesus Christ’s glorious Second Coming fills our heart with hope, thanksgiving, peace and joy, so that we are able to patiently wait and anticipate the Lord’s coming.

Pastor’s reflection:

“Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near.” (James 5:7-8)