

Lesson 30: The Second Coming of Jesus

Memory Verse: "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:12

A. Promises of His Coming

1. What did Jesus promise His disciples? John 14:1-3 "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I _____ to prepare a _____ for you. And if I _____ and prepare a place for you, I _____, and _____ you unto myself; that _____ I am, there ye may _____ also."

2. What did the angels promise the disciples? Acts 1:11 "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into _____? This _____ Jesus, which is taken _____ from you into _____, shall _____ come in _____ manner as ye have _____ him _____ into heaven."

3. What promise is given in Hebrews 9:28? "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto _____ that _____ for him shall he _____ the _____ time without sin unto _____."

4. What promise did Jesus make in Revelation 22:12? "And, behold, I come _____; and my _____ is _____ me, to give _____ man according as his _____ shall be."

B. Prophecies of His Coming

5. Revelation 14:14 "And I looked, and behold a white _____, and upon the cloud one _____ like unto the _____ of man, having on his head a golden _____, and in his hand a sharp _____."

6. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 "For the Lord _____ shall _____ from heaven with a _____, with the _____ of the archangel, and with the _____ of God: and the _____ in Christ shall _____ first: Then we which are _____ and remain shall be _____ up together _____ them in the _____, to meet the Lord in the _____: and so shall we _____ be with the _____."

C. Why is Jesus Coming?

7. John 14:1-3 He is coming to take us to the _____ He has P _____ for us so that we can be with Him W _____ He is.

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8. Revelation 22:12 He is coming to give the R_____ to every person according to his _____ here on earth – according to how he lived.

9. What will that reward be? John 5:28-29

"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which _____ that are in the graves shall _____ his voice, and shall come _____;

They that have done _____, unto the resurrection of _____; and

They that have done _____, unto the resurrection of _____."

Romans 6:23: "For the wages of _____ is _____;

but the _____ of God is _____ life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

There are _____ kinds of resurrections and there are _____ kinds of rewards.

Note: Revelation 22:12 tells us that the reward we get depends on our "works". That means it depends on **how we lived**. We have learned in previous lessons that we have a choice in **how** we live. We can choose to live according to God's word and take the power of Jesus to overcome sin in our lives. Or we can choose to live our own way and keep sin in our lives. **Our reward will be according to our choice.**

10. What advice is given us in Deuteronomy 30:19? "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have _____ before you _____ and _____, _____ and _____: therefore choose _____, that both thou and thy seed may _____." [eternally] The advice is to choose _____, not death. Choose to live according to God's word so that your reward will be life.

D. When is He Coming?

11. Matthew 24:29 tells us of the signs in the sky which would happen immediately _____ the tribulation of those days [the 1260 years of papal persecution].

What are they?

The _____ shall be _____

The _____ shall not give her _____

The _____ shall _____ from _____

The _____ of the _____ shall be _____.

What does verse 30 say?

"And _____ [after these signs] shall appear the _____ of the _____ of man in _____: and then shall _____ the tribes of the earth _____, and they shall _____ the Son of man _____ in the _____ of heaven with _____ and great _____."

Note: "Christ has given **signs** of His coming. He says that we may know when He is near, even at the doors. When the trees put forth their leaves in the spring, we know that summer is near. Just so surely, **when the signs appear in the sun and the moon and the stars, we are to know that Christ's coming is near.** SJ 176.2

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"These signs have appeared. On **May 19, 1780**, the sun was darkened. That day is known in history as 'the dark day'. In the eastern part of North America, so great was the darkness that in many places the people had to light candles at noonday. And until after midnight the moon, though at its full, gave no light. Many believed that the day of judgment had come. No satisfactory reason for the unnatural darkness has ever been given, except the reason found in the words of Christ. **The darkening of the sun and the moon was a sign of His coming.** SJ 176.3

"**November 13, 1833**, there was the most wonderful display of **falling stars** ever beheld by men. Again thousands believed that the day of judgment had come. SJ 176.4

"Since that time **earthquakes, tempests, tidal waves, pestilence, famine, and destructions by fire and flood**, have **multiplied**. All these, and 'distress of nations, with perplexity', **declare that the Lord's coming is near.**" SJ 176.5

So the coming of Jesus is sometime _____ the signs in the S _____, M _____, and S _____.

Why do all the tribes of the earth mourn? Read Revelation 6:12-17

Do you think they were ready to meet Jesus? YES NO

12. Matthew 24:33 tells us: "So likewise ye, when ye shall _____ all _____ things, know that it is _____, even at the _____."

So when we see the various signs which we studied about in previous lessons, we can know that it is _____.

13. Matthew 24:36 tells us: "But of that _____ and _____ knoweth _____ man, no, not the _____ of heaven, but my Father only."

Beware of people who try to tell you exactly when the coming of Jesus will be. This has not been revealed to us and there is no prophecy that tells us this. We know that it is soon, we know that it is near, even at the door, but we don't know exactly when.

Note: "The times and seasons God has put in His own power. And why has not God given us this knowledge? – because **we would not make a right use of it** if He did. A condition of things would result from this knowledge among our people that would greatly retard the work of God in preparing a people to stand in the great day that is to come. **We are not to be engrossed with speculations in regard to the times and the seasons which God has not revealed.** Jesus has told His disciples to 'watch', **but not for definite time**. His followers are to be in the position of those who are listening for the orders of their Captain; they are to watch, wait, pray, and work, as they approach the time for the coming of the Lord; but **no one will be able to predict just when that time will come**; for 'of that day and hour knoweth no man.' You will not be able to say that He will come in one, two, or five years, neither are you to put off His coming by stating that it may not be for ten or twenty years. ... We are not to know the definite time either for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit or for the coming of Christ."

Review and Herald, March 22, 1892.

"We are nearing the great day of God. The signs are fulfilling. And yet we have **no message to tell us of the day and hour of Christ's appearing**. The Lord has wisely concealed this from us that we may always be in a state of **expectancy** and **preparation** for the second appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ in the clouds of heaven.

The exact time of the second coming of the Son of man is God's mystery." LDE 33.3,4

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14. Instead of trying to figure out the exact time when He will come, what does God want us to do? Matthew 24:42-44 "W_____ therefore: for ye know _____ what _____ your Lord doth _____. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also _____: for in such an _____ as ye think _____ the Son of man _____."

Note: "Our position has been one of **waiting** and **watching**, with **no time-proclamation** to intervene between the close of the prophetic periods in 1844 and the time of our Lord's coming." LDE 36.1

"**The more frequently a definite time is set** for the second advent, and the more widely it is taught, **the better it suits the purposes of Satan**. After the time has passed, he excites ridicule and contempt of its advocates, and thus casts reproach upon the great advent movement of 1843 and 1844. Those who persist in this error will at last fix upon a date too far in the future for the coming of Christ. Thus they will be led to rest in a false security, and many will not be undeceived until it is too late." GC 457.1

15. Sometimes people think that Jesus is not coming for a long time. They do not pay attention to those who say that it is soon. They say that people have said that His coming is soon for many years. But He hasn't come. So they say that those people must have been wrong. And they also think that those who say it is soon today are wrong too. Peter tells us that there would be just such people in the last days. What does it say in 2 Peter 3:3-4? "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the _____ days scoffers, walking after their _____ lusts, And saying, Where is the _____ of his _____? for since the fathers fell asleep, _____ things _____ as they _____ from the beginning of the creation." Here Peter tells us that there will be people who want to do their own thing who say "everything is going on as usual, don't worry, Jesus isn't coming soon."

Note: "God gives no man a message that it will be five years or ten years or twenty years before this earth's history shall close. **He would not give any living being an excuse for delaying the preparation for His appearing**. He would have no one say, as did the unfaithful servant, 'My lord delayeth his coming,' for this leads to **reckless neglect** of the opportunities and privileges given to prepare us for that great day." LDE 34.2

16. Why has Jesus not come yet? What reason does Peter give in 2 Peter 3:9?

"The Lord is _____ slack concerning his _____, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to _____-ward, not _____ that _____ should _____, but that _____ should come to _____."

So why has Jesus not come before this? He doesn't want _____ one to P_____. He is giving us more **time to prepare** for His coming.

17. Does that mean we should put off the preparation and not think that His coming is near? Read 2 Peter 3:10: "But the day of the Lord _____ come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall _____ away with a _____ noise, and the _____ shall _____ with fervent _____, the _____"

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also and the _____ that are therein shall be _____ up."

Note: If you are not watching and preparing for His coming, it will come as a sudden surprise to you. But if you are watching and preparing, you will see the signs fulfilling all around you and you will know that it is soon.

18. What does Jesus tell us to do when we see these things? Luke 21:28 "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look _____, and lift _____ your _____; for your redemption draweth _____."

E. The Manner of His Coming?

19. What does Jesus warn against in Matthew 24:23-24?

"Then if _____ man shall say unto you, Lo, _____ is Christ, or _____; _____ it **NOT**." When Christ comes, He will not be found here or there. Why is this warning given? (verse 24) "For there shall arise _____ Christs, and _____ prophets, and shall show great _____ and _____; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall _____ the very elect."

Even if people come and show you great miracles, that does not prove that they are from God. Jesus warns us not to be deceived by miracles. Satan can do many miracles.

20. What is one way He will **not** appear? Matthew 24:26 "Wherefore if they shall _____ unto you, Behold, he is in the _____; go _____ forth: behold, he is in the _____ chambers; _____ it **NOT**."

21. Why should we not believe this? To what is His coming likened? Matthew 24:27 "For as the _____ cometh out of the _____, and shineth even unto the _____; so shall also the _____ of the Son of man be." It will be as obvious to everyone as the L_____.

22. How many will see Him? Revelation 1:7

"Behold, he _____ with clouds; and _____ eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall _____ because of him. Even so, Amen." If every one sees Him, do you have to go to any certain place to see Him? YES NO

23. How did the angels say He would come back? Acts 1:9-11

"And when he had spoken these things, _____ they beheld, he was taken _____; and a _____ received him out of their sight. And while they _____ stedfastly toward heaven as he went _____, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into _____? this _____ Jesus, which is taken _____ from you into _____, shall

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_____ come in _____ manner as ye have _____ him _____ into heaven."

The disciples S_____ Jesus go into heaven in a C_____.

When He comes back He will come in the same way.

We will S_____ Him coming in a C_____.

24. How did John see Him coming?

a. Revelation 14:14 "And I looked, and behold a _____ cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the _____ of man, having on his head a _____ crown, and in his hand a _____ sickle."

b. Revelation 19:11-16 "And I saw heaven _____, and behold a white _____; and he that sat upon him was called _____ and _____, and in righteousness he doth _____ and make war. His _____ were as a _____ of fire, and on his head were _____ crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a _____ dipped in _____: and his name is called The _____ of God. And the _____ which were in heaven followed him upon white _____, clothed in fine _____, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a _____ sword, that with it he should smite the _____: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the _____ of the fierceness and _____ of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, _____ OF _____, and _____ OF _____."

No one will have to tell you to go here or to go there to see Jesus when He comes. His coming will be obvious to everyone.

25. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

a. How did Paul describe His coming?

The Lord _____ shall _____ from _____

b. What sounds will be heard?

a _____

the _____ of the archangel

the _____ of God

c. Will Jesus meet us on the ground? YES NO

d. What will the dead in Christ do? They will _____ from their graves

e. What will the living righteous do? They will be _____ together with those who have been resurrected to meet the Lord in the _____

26. Read 2 Peter 3:10-14

a. How did Peter describe His coming? The Lord will come as a

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- _____ in the _____ to those who are not ready
- b. What sounds will be heard? a _____
- c. What will happen to the elements?
They will _____ with _____ heat
- d. What will happen to the works of man on earth?
They will be _____
- e. What is Peter's advice to us? He says we ought to be persons of _____
_____ and _____
- f. What else will be on fire? The _____ will be on fire.
- g. What do we look for? We look for _____ and a
_____ wherein dwelleth _____
- h. How should we be found when He comes? We should be _____
that we may be _____ of him in _____, without
_____, and _____.

F. Who Will Be Ready?

27. Read Matthew 25:1-13

- a. How many groups are there? 1 2 3 4 5
- b. What does it say about the wise virgins in verse 4?
They took _____ in their _____ with their _____.
- c. What do the lamps represent? Psalm 119:105 tells us
"Thy _____ is a lamp unto my feet."
- d. What are the vessels? Read Romans 9:23 "And that he might make known the riches of his _____ on the _____ of _____, which he had afore prepared unto glory." What are these vessels? Read verse 24: "Even _____, whom he hath _____, not of the _____ only, but also of the _____." 2 Corinthians 4:7 tells us "But we have this _____ in earthen _____, that the _____ of the _____ may be of _____, and not of _____." So we are the _____. We are only made of E_____, or clay, or dust. The glory is in the T_____ that is IN the vessel, not in the vessel itself.
- e. What was the difference between these groups? The W_____ had _____ but the F_____ had _____ with (or IN) their vessels. They both had the L_____, the W_____ of God, but without the O_____ the L_____ would not be able to give L_____.
- f. What does the oil represent?
When Samuel annointed David with oil, what came upon David?
1 Samuel 16:13 The _____ of the _____ came upon David."

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Read Zechariah 4:1-6 about Zechariah's vision of the 2 olive trees which emptied the golden oil into the candlestick.

How does the Lord say His work is accomplished? (verse 6)

"Not by _____, nor by _____, but by my _____."

g. What will the wise possess? (those who are ready to meet the Bridegroom)

They will possess the H_____ S_____.

28. Read Matthew 25:14-30

a. How many **types** of servants are there? 1 2 3 4 5

b. What did the good servants do with their talents? They went and _____ with their talents, and made them D_____.

c. What did the wicked servant do? He _____ his talent in the _____.

In other words he did N_____.

Note: "Thus men **excuse** their neglect of God's gifts. **They look upon God as severe and tyrannical**, as watching to spy out their mistakes and visit them with judgments. They charge Him with demanding what He has never given, with reaping where He has not sown." COL 362.2

"There are many who **in their hearts** charge God with being a hard master because **He claims their possessions and their service**. But we can bring to God nothing that is not **already His**. 'All things come of Thee,' said King David; 'and of Thine own have we given Thee.' 1 Chron. 29:14. All things are God's, not only by creation, but by redemption. All the blessings of this life and of the life to come are delivered to us **stamped with the cross of Calvary**. Therefore the charge that God is a hard master, reaping where He has not sown, is false." COL 362.3

d. Which ones were accepted by the king? The ones who were F_____ and G_____ beside them more T_____.

Note: "It is the faithfulness, the loyalty to God, the loving service, that wins the divine approval. Every impulse of the Holy Spirit leading men to goodness and to God, is noted in the books of heaven, and in the day of God the workers through whom He has wrought will be commended." COL 361.3

"Jesus is coming! But not to listen to the woes of mankind, and to hear the guilty sinner confess his sins, and to speak pardon to him; for every one's case will then be decided for life or death. Those who have lived in sin will remain sinners forever. Those who have confessed their sins to Jesus in the sanctuary, have made Him their friend and have loved His appearing, will have pardon written for all their sins." FLB 351.4

29. Read the parable of the wedding supper in Matthew 22:1-14.

☞ When he sent his servants to tell the invited guests to come, what did they do?

They _____ come.

☞ The king sent out more servants to urge them to come saying "all things are _____".

What did they do now? Matthew 22:5,6 "But they made _____ of it, and went _____ ways, one to his _____, another to his _____":

_____ : And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them

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_____, and _____ them."

Note: "This was the message borne to the Jewish nation after the crucifixion of Christ; but the nation that claimed to be God's peculiar people rejected the gospel brought to them in the power of the Holy Spirit. Many did this in the most scornful manner. Others were so exasperated by the offer of salvation, the offer of pardon for rejecting the Lord of glory, that they turned upon the bearers of the message. There was 'a great persecution.' Acts 8:1. Many both of men and women were thrust into prison, and some of the Lord's messengers, as Stephen and James, were put to death." COL 308.2

☞ The result was foretold by Christ in the parable. Matthew 22:7 "But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and _____ those _____, and _____ up their city."

Note: "The judgment pronounced came upon the Jews in the destruction of Jerusalem and the scattering of the nation." COL 308.3

☞ Then the king sent his servants out to find G_____ for the wedding.

Note: "The third call to the feast represents the giving of the gospel to the Gentiles." COL 309.1 "It was a mixed company. Some of them had no more real regard for the giver of the feast than had the ones who rejected the call. The class first bidden could not afford, they thought, to sacrifice any worldly advantage for the sake of attending the king's banquet. And of those who accepted the invitation, there were some who thought only of benefiting themselves. They came to share the provisions of the feast, but had no desire to honor the king." COL 309.2

30. What did the king look for when he examined the guests? Matthew 22:11

"And when the king came in to _____ the guests, he _____ there a _____ which had _____ on a _____ garment."

Note: "When the king came in to view the guests, the **real character** of all was revealed. For every guest at the feast there had been **provided** a wedding garment. This garment was a **gift** from the king. **By wearing it the guests showed their respect for the giver of the feast.** But one man was clothed in his common citizen dress. **He had refused to make the preparation required by the king.** The garment provided for him at great cost **he disdained to wear.** Thus he **insulted** his lord." COL 309.3

"By the king's examination of the guests at the feast is represented a **work of judgment.** The guests at the gospel feast are those who **profess to serve God**, those whose names are written in the book of life. But not all who profess to be Christians are true disciples. Before the final reward is given, it must be decided who are fitted to share the inheritance of the righteous." COL 310.1

"The man who came to the feast without a wedding garment represents the condition of many in our world today. They profess to be Christians, and lay claim to the blessings and privileges of the gospel; yet they feel no need of a **transformation of character.** They have never felt true repentance for sin. They do not realize their need of Christ or exercise faith in Him. They have not overcome their hereditary or cultivated tendencies to wrongdoing. Yet they **think** that they are **good enough in themselves**, and they rest upon their own merits instead of trusting in Christ. Hearers of the word, they come to the banquet, but they have not put on the **robe of Christ's righteousness.**" COL 315.2

"**All these expect to be saved by Christ's death, while they refuse to live His self-sacrificing life.** They extol the riches of free grace, and attempt to cover themselves with an **appearance** of righteousness, hoping to screen their **defects** of character; but their efforts will be of no avail in the day of God." COL 316.1

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31. What did the king ask him? Matthew 22:12 "And he saith unto him, Friend, _____ camest thou in hither _____ having a _____ garment?" What was his answer? "And he was _____."

Note: "In the parable, when the king inquired, 'How camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?' the man was speechless. So it will be in the great judgment day. **Men may now excuse their defects of character, but in that day they will offer no excuse.**" COL 317.1

"Jesus is coming. Great and important events are just before us. Are we ready, waiting and watching? **Have we on the wedding garment, the robe of Christ's righteousness? Now is the time to secure this wedding garment.** We must make no delay, but **open the door of our hearts to the Saviour**, who has long stood knocking for admittance. We must be in sympathy with Christ, and, as soldiers of the cross, make personal, interested efforts for the salvation of souls. What a **privilege** is ours that we may become co-laborers with Christ, and that our efforts may be accepted of God. **We may join the conquering army if we will**, and may share in its conflicts and its triumphs; but if we refuse, they will move on to final victory, and leave us behind. We each have an account to render at the bar of God, and it is **essential** for us to cultivate spirituality, to **think often of Jesus**, and to keep faith alive. Let us ever remember that God sees us. We may say with the psalmist,

'I have _____ the Lord _____ before me; because he is at my _____ hand, I shall _____ be _____.' Psalm 16:8

The whole life should be moulded after the divine Pattern, and then we shall see the King in his beauty, and live in his presence through the ceaseless ages of eternity." ST, May 22, 1884 par. 10

32. How do we know if we have the robe of Christ's character or our own garments?

Note: "It is not enough for us to **believe** that Jesus is not an impostor,

[It is not enough to believe] that the religion of the Bible is no cunningly devised fable.

We may believe that the name of Jesus is the only name under heaven whereby man may be saved, and yet we may not through faith make Him **our personal Saviour**.

It is not enough to believe the **theory** of truth.

It is not enough to make a **profession of faith** in Christ

[It is not enough to] have **our names registered on the church roll.**" COL 312.3

📖 1 John 2:3 "And _____ we do _____ that we know him, if we _____ his commandments."

📖 1 John 2:29 "If ye _____ that He is righteous, ye _____ that every one that _____ righteousness is _____ of him."

📖 1 John 3:7 "Little children, let _____ man _____ you: he that _____ righteousness is _____, even **as he is righteous.**"

📖 1 John 3:10 "In _____ the children of _____ are _____, and the children of the _____:

whosoever _____ righteousness is _____ of _____,

neither he that _____ his brother."

📖 1 John 3:14-15 "We _____ that we have passed from _____ unto _____, because we _____ the brethren. He that _____ his brother abideth in

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_____. Whosoever _____ his brother is a _____: and ye _____ that no _____ hath eternal _____ abiding in him."

📖 1 John 3:23-24 "And _____ is his _____, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and _____ one another, as he gave us commandment. And he that _____ his commandments _____ in him, and he in him. And _____ we know that he abideth in us, by the _____ which he hath given us."

Note: "This is the genuine evidence of conversion. Whatever our profession, it amounts to nothing **unless Christ is revealed in works of righteousness.**" COL 312.3

"**Righteousness is right doing**, and it is by their deeds that all will be judged. **Our characters are revealed by what we do.** The works **show** whether the faith is **genuine.**" COL 312.2

"The truth is to be **planted** in the heart. It is to **control** the mind and **regulate** the affections. **The whole character must be stamped with the divine utterances.** **Every** jot and tittle of the word of God is to be brought into the **daily practice.**" COL 314.1

32. How can this character become ours?

📖 John 1:12 "As many as _____ Him, to them gave He _____ to become the _____ of God, even to them that _____ on His name."

📖 Ephesians 3:16-19 "That he would _____ you, according to the _____ of his glory, to be _____ with _____ by his _____ in the _____ man; That _____ may _____ in your _____ by _____; that ye, being _____ and _____ in _____, May be _____ to _____ with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to _____ the _____ of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be _____ with all the fulness of God."

Note: "This power is not in the human agent. **It is the power of God.** When a soul receives Christ, he receives power to live the life of Christ." COL 314.5

"The life of Christ on earth was a **perfect expression of God's law**, and when those who claim to be children of God become **Christlike in character**, they will be obedient to God's commandments. Then the Lord can **trust** them to be of the number who shall compose the family of heaven. **Clothed in the glorious apparel of Christ's righteousness, they have a place at the King's feast.** They have a right to join the blood-washed throng." COL 315.1

"The parable of the wedding garment opens before us a lesson of the highest consequence. By the marriage is represented the **union of humanity with divinity**; the wedding garment represents the **character** which all must possess who shall be accounted fit guests for the wedding." COL 307.1

"By His perfect obedience He [Christ] has made it **possible** for **every** human being to obey God's commandments. **When we submit ourselves to Christ**, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in His will, the mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life. **This is what it means to be clothed with the garment of His righteousness.** Then as the Lord looks upon us He sees, not the fig-leaf garment, not the nakedness and deformity of sin, but His own robe of righteousness, which is perfect obedience to the law of Jehovah." COL 311.4

"Jesus is coming; and will He find a people conformed to the world? and will He acknowledge these as His people that He has purified unto Himself? Oh, no. None but the **pure** and **holy** will He acknowledge as His. Those who have been **purified** and made white through suffering, and have **kept themselves separate, unspotted from the world**, He will own as His." 1T 133.1

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33. The days of our probation are fast closing. The end is near. To us the warning is given, "Take _____ to yourselves, lest at _____ time your _____ be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so _____ day come upon you _____." Luke 21:34.

Note: "There will be **no future probation** in which to prepare for eternity. **It is in this life that we are to put on the robe of Christ's righteousness.** This is our **only opportunity** to form characters for the home which Christ has made ready for those who obey His commandments." COL 319.1

"Beware lest it find you unready. **Take heed lest you be found at the King's feast without a wedding garment.**" COL 319.2

📖 Matthew 24:44 "Therefore _____ ye also _____: for in such an _____ as ye _____ the Son of man _____."

📖 Revelation 16:15 "Behold, I come as a thief. _____ is he that _____, and _____ his _____, lest he walk _____, and they see his _____."

Note: "**Perilous is the condition of those who, growing weary of their watch, turn to the attractions of the world.** While the man of business is absorbed in the pursuit of gain, while the pleasure lover is seeking indulgence, while the daughter of fashion is arranging her adornments – it may be in that hour the Judge of all the earth will pronounce the sentence: 'Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.' Daniel 5:27." GC 491.2

34. When Jesus comes it is proclaimed in Revelation 19:7-9: "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give _____ to him: for the _____ of the Lamb is come, and his _____ hath made herself _____. And to her was _____ that she should be arrayed in _____ linen, _____ and _____: for the fine linen is the _____ of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, _____ are they which are _____ unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."

"To His church, Christ has given **ample facilities**, that He may receive a **large revenue of glory** from His redeemed, purchased possession. The church, being **endowed with the righteousness of Christ**, is His depository, **in which the wealth of His mercy, His love, His grace, is to appear in full and final display.** The declaration in His intercessory prayer, that the Father's love is as great toward us as toward Himself, the only-begotten Son, and that we shall be with Him where He is, forever one with Christ and the Father, is a **marvel to the heavenly host, and it is their great joy.** The gift of His Holy Spirit, rich, full, and abundant, is to be to His church as an encompassing wall of fire, which the powers of hell shall not prevail against. **In their untainted purity and spotless perfection**, Christ looks upon **His people** as the **reward** of all His suffering, His humiliation, and His love, and the **supplement of His glory**, – Christ, the great center from which radiates all glory. 'Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" SD 356.3

Will you choose to put on the wedding garment? Will you submit to Christ to work in you to change your character to become Christlike? Are you willing to co-operate with Christ to mould your life after the divine Pattern? Will you yield your defects to Him instead of cherishing them?

Will you allow Him to fill you with His unselfish and humble attributes, thus wear the wedding garment? Or do you wish to remain selfish and proud and thus retain your citizen's dress?

These are important and solemn questions that we each must ask ourselves often.