

A RIGHT RESPONSE TO REVELATION

REVELATION 22:6-21

Revelation is meant to inspire joyful _____ . (6-7)

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Revelation is meant to inspire proper _____ . (8-9)

^[8] I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, ^[9] but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”

Revelation is meant to inspire diligent _____ . (10-15)

^[10] And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. ^[11] Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.”

^[12] “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done.

^[13] I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

^[14] Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ^[15] Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

Revelation is meant to inspire faithful _____ . (16-19)

^[16] “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

^[17] The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

^[18] I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ^[19] and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

Revelation is meant to inspire abundant _____ . (20-21)

^[20] He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

^[21] The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen. (ESV)

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Open: What are some ways that the current pandemic might heighten certain temptations to sin?

Read: Revelation 22:6-21

1. Verse 7 says, "Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." Now that we have read all the way through Revelation, what do you think it means to "keep the words" of this book? Which commands of Revelation apply to our current situation?
2. From all we've seen as we've gone through this book, in what ways can someone who "keeps the words of this book" expect to be "blessed" (v. 7; *Also 1:3*)? What helps you to remember this promise of blessing for obedience when you are tempted to disregard God's Word?
3. Verses 7, 12 and 20 all state that Jesus is coming soon, yet 2000 years have since passed. Why do you think Jesus has not yet returned? (*See 2 Peter 3:9; Matthew 24:14; Acts 1:8.*) In what ways are you thankful for Christ's delay? In what ways are you eager for His return?
4. In 22:8-9, John makes the same mistake he made in 19:9-10. Though the angel was probably magnificent, what does this reveal about how easily we might worship things other than God? What helps you guard against this? What has Revelation taught about proper worship of God?
5. In verses 10-15, what distinguishes those who will enter into the new creation and those who will stay outside (*See Rev. 7:14*)? How do times of trials (as the early church was experiencing in John's day and as many are experiencing in our current day) prove the true love of our hearts?
6. Verse 17 says, "let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price." How would you rephrase this Gospel invitation in your own words? During this present time, how could you be involved in making this invitation known to others?
7. Verse 20 offers the final promise that Jesus is "coming soon." From our study of Revelation, how would you summarize the implications of Christ's return? In what ways does your life demonstrate that you believe this to be true? How might your life better reflect this truth?

Pray: Pray that we will live in appropriate anticipation of Christ's return. Pray that during this present pandemic Christ's Church would walk in faithful obedience to Him. Ask God for wisdom to know how you personally might demonstrate confidence in Christ's return to an anxious world.

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