Title: The Spirit and the Bride Say, "Come!"
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Good morning. It is a great privilege for my wife Suzanne and I to be here once again at Grace Chapel. We are so grateful to this congregation and your partnership with us for these many years in the country of Italy. And we recall with great fondness being here a number of times in the past and being part of your mission's conference. Of course, the fun times we remember is when we were here with our three daughters who were very young at the time. And they really enjoyed the mission's conferences here. And we do as well. But we could not do the work that we do in the country of Italy to live, to work, to minister to the people of Italy without your faithful partnership.

So, this morning we want to express our gratitude. Tonight, I will be sharing more about what our ministry in Italy looks like, what the Lord has been doing since our nearly 18 years in the city of Trieste. We would invite you to return tonight, everyone who can. And also, we have a display table in the back room here and we would encourage you to stop by and speak with Suzanne and I. We have some things to share with you and we would like to answer any personal questions you may have as well.

Well with that announcement I would like to look into our message for this morning. And I would like to say that the book of Revelation is the concluding book of Scripture, as you know. And this powerful book unfolds the great events bringing history to consummation, including the revelation of Jesus Christ at his second coming. Something that we can all look forward to with great anticipation, great excitement. And the word Revelation used in the title of this book is also found in the Latin, Revelatio. And also, in Italy the word for the book of Revelation is Apocalisse, from which we get the word Apocalypse, from the Greek word.

And so, this morning I would like to read the entire chapter, if you'll follow me as well. It's chapter 22, there's 21 verses, so it kind of goes together, I believe. And this is written from the perspective of John the Apostle, who was involved in the ministry of Jesus.

"Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

And he said to me, 'These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.' 'Behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.' 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, 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.' And he said to me, 'Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.' 'Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.'

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. Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. 'I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and descendant of David, the bright morning star.' 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. 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, 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. He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen."

That's our chapter for this morning for this message, the concluding chapter of the Bible. Nearly 1200 chapters in the Bible, but this is a great conclusion. I believe this chapter is like an epilogue of the entire book of Revelation and maybe even an epilogue of the entire word of God. And it's a great chapter because we find some very important truth that we can believe in, and we can accept, and we can share with others. So, I believe these last 21 verses of the Bible, these crucial verses, we can discover together an incredible and inspirational message and really a credible inspirational message for our missionary endeavor for the work of world missions of bringing the gospel to the entire world around us. We've been hearing about that this weekend.

I would like to concentrate on one important word in particular which occurs 7 times in these 21 verses. The word in English in the English language is the verb to come, to come. Now this mission's conference we have been hearing about the word, the important words, sending, to send. But I believe the word here to come will also be very important when we look at world missions. The verb to come is very important. This word of action, this verb, I have divided chapter 22 of the book of Revelation to three distinct parts which are first of all the final promise and then second the final invitation and third would be the final prayer.

We are carefully looking at the conclusion of the Bible this morning with this message but what about the beginning of the Bible? *"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."* The first verse of the Bible, Genesis 1:1 is a statement of fact. *"God created the heavens and the earth."* The human author of the

book of Revelation is the Apostle John. In the gospel that he authored that bears his name, in John's gospel chapter 1:1 & 2 we read, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."* The same was in the beginning with God. It's like we are going back to the creation of Genesis 1:1. In the first epistle of John, we read this introduction, *"That which was from the beginning, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and which our hands have handled, the Word of God."* John is speaking as an eyewitness. He was there to see Jesus, the ministry of Jesus, and he looked upon him. His hands have handled the Word of God from the beginning.

Revelation 1:8 we read, *"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, said the Lord, which is, which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."* We see the great authority of God in these verses. This declaration is repeated in verse 11. We see three distinct time frames, that which is, the present, that which was, the past, and that which is to come, the future. God is eternal. And I hope this morning that you find great security in knowing that this God from the beginning to the end is the God that we know and serve. The final chapter of Revelation verse 13 declares, *"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."* We also find these words in chapter 21 in verse 6. *"He said unto me, 'It is done! I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is a thirst of the fountain of water of life freely.'"* Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. From Genesis to Revelation, we so obviously see the unity and trustworthiness of Scripture, God's Word, the Bible. We can and should have complete confidence in the Bible.

Let's look at the first main point of this message called the final promise. In reality, it is the same promise given three separate times in this chapter 22. Let's read together each one. Verse 7, *"Behold, I come quickly. Blessed is he that keeps the sayings of the prophecy of this book,"* or *"look, I am coming quickly, the one who keeps the prophetic words of this book is blessed."* That is a great thing to be blessed by God. And this morning, if we have received Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we have that gift of salvation, we are already blessed. But the blessings will continue after we've received Christ, put our faith and trust in him, we begin to serve Christ. We begin to walk with him. We begin to do his will in our life. We begin to allow Jesus Christ to control our lives. If that is our intention in life, we are going to be living a life of blessing. And that's what we want as believers. With this promise, we can also observe this wonderful blessing.

This reminds me of the book of Matthew, the gospel of Matthew, the Beatitudes, where Jesus promises three, over and over again, nine different blessings. And here, for instance, here's one of them, *"blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."* And when we have the promise of Jesus, *"I am coming quickly."* We look forward to the day when we will see God face to face. That is one of the blessings we look forward. However, we recognize maybe a difficulty in this promise. We recognize that John has written, *"Look, I am coming quickly."* If the last book of the Bible was written at the end of the first century, around A.D. 95, we think of the word quickly, we think it's going to happen immediately. We live in a very immediate society, but Jesus said, I am coming quickly. But 2,000 years have passed.

It's interesting, Paul, the Apostle Paul, when he wrote, the Apostle John, when he wrote, the Apostle Peter, when he wrote, they all had the same idea that Christ would be returning quickly. But 2,000 years have passed, 2,000 years of the church growing through missionary endeavor throughout the world,

throughout this 2,000-year history. And today, because of this, what looks like a delay, you and I, we can sit here in this sanctuary and realize, thank goodness that the Lord did not come sooner, or I might not be here. And this message I may not be hearing, and this promise of heaven I may not have. But because God is merciful, and because God has extended this time, we have a 2,000-year period of the church where you and I, everybody in this room, have become part of the church by believing in Jesus.

And so how can we explain this word quickly? It can mean suddenly without a sign or warning, but the prophecy that we find in the Bible, such as in Matthew 24, the very words of Jesus, give us sufficient evidence that the coming of the Lord Jesus is drawing near with each day. I've been amazed. We've been back in the States since June. We ride back from Italy, and so we spent the entire summer here. And we're spending the rest of the year, we're going to be going back to Italy, Lord willing, the first part of the New Year, 27, should the Lord tarry, I must say. But I'm amazed at how many signs I have been seeing based on Matthew 24. And I remember soon after we ride back, there was a great earthquake in Venezuela, and then in Indonesia, and then in another place, and different earthquakes in all parts of the world. And I know we've seen them often, but they seem to be growing in acceleration. And we've seen other things as well, kind of disturbing things.

I remember seeing that great flood in the country of Nepal. Our youngest daughter, Claire, when she was a senior in high school, went on a mission's trip to Nepal with Black Forest Academy. And as I watched this video in the country of Nepal, we saw this tremendous wave of water, and mud, and rock come down the mountain, and people running to get away from it, and not making it. People perishing on film. Very, very disturbing, the destruction that took place. Just a week ago in the country of Italy, and in the country of France, we saw violent rioting, we saw fire, we saw destruction, we saw people beating on each other. We saw great destruction, vandalism, all these kinds of things. And so, we see a lot of these signs around us that are taking place, and they seem to be getting more frequent, and more heavy. It's like birth pains of a woman about to give birth. I think that happens here a lot in this congregation. Women experience that, it sounds like. And, but yeah.

But there's also, I'd like to share a positive one as well. When we were here last time, four years ago, my wife Suzanne, and our daughters Sarah and Claire, and our future son-in-law Paulin, we made a trip to the Creation Museum, and we also went to the Ark. And I remember walking around that corner, and stepping out, and seeing the greatness, the grandness of the Ark for the first time. That huge ship out there. It's just amazing to see it for the first time. And I've been seeing these images now from the country of Turkey, and they believe they have found the Ark, and they're doing all kinds of tests. The Turkish government is allowing these scientists to do these tests, and they're actually boring into this object, which they think is the Ark of Noah. And they're finding petrified wood. They're finding this big, cavernous space inside this object that they've been digging down into. Funny thing they even had, the robot that's going down is called the gopher. And so, some strange things.

But wouldn't it be amazing if we go back to Matthew 24:37, Jesus said, *"As in the time of Noah, the coming of the Lord shall be that."* Wouldn't it be amazing if the Ark of Noah was confirmed to this world, and the Lord was saying, yes, it's true. The flood is true. Noah's Ark is true. The entire Word of God is true. And this

is God's message to the world before he returns. And you and I have, suddenly we have a wonderful message to say. A great way to start a conversation. Have you heard that they might have discovered the Ark of Noah? Well, verse 7, we move on to verse 12. The same promise given to us once again. *"Behold, I am coming quickly, my reward is with me to give every man according as his work shall be."* This is a great promise that Jesus is coming back. And also, a great promise that if we are faithful, it will be worth it if we are faithful to the Lord in this life. Because the Lord has a reward for us. In another Bible version, *"Look I am coming quickly, my reward is with me to repay each person according to what he has done."* Now we know salvation is a gift by God's grace. Jesus paid it all. It is finished, Jesus said from the cross. But once we accept Jesus, we have the opportunity to serve him.

And that's what world missions is all about, serving Jesus on an international scale. And some missionaries are sent. And other believers send missionaries as we do here at Grace Chapel. And so, it's a united effort of bringing the gospel. And Jesus said if we are faithful to this task, that his reward will be distributed to those who are faithful. What a blessing it is to receive a reward from the Lord if we live by faith day by day and say it will be worth it. Both verses 7 & 12, the promise begins with the word *"behold"* or *"look"* to emphasize the importance of this promise. And a promise is very important.

In scripture we have so many promises. And when we approach a promise in scripture, we have two options. The one option is we might question that promise. We might have doubts. We might have some uncertainty. Or we might do the more positive result, is completely believe that promise. And I like to say believe it with childlike faith. Just like when we come to Christ. We simply believe and accept it and believe this promise. So, when I read, I am coming quickly, I really personalize that. Jesus is coming quickly. I believe that. I hold on to that. I cling to that very promise.

I must also emphasize that these are the very words of Jesus Christ himself. Verses 7, 12, and later on 20. These promises are completely trustworthy. Just like we looked earlier in the beginning and then the conclusion of the Bible. That God's word is completely reliable. So, we have these promises of Jesus, we can rely on them because these are the very words of Jesus. Just like I hold on to the words of Jesus from the cross. It is finished. It is finished. That is my hope. My salvation is finished, complete in Christ, in his sacrifice. These promises are completely trustworthy. While our salvation is fully a gift from God by grace alone that we receive by faith alone, the promises of scripture clearly identifies a reward presented by Christ to those who faithfully serve the Lord after receiving the gift of salvation. So yes, this is a worthy goal in our life to obey the promises of God and to do his will.

The third and final promise we find in verse 20. *"Surely I come quickly"* or *"Yes I am coming quickly."* It's brief. It's clear. This is the final promise. The last words of Jesus and they close out the Bible with a final declaration of hope. We can personalize this promise as I like to do. My Lord and my Savior Jesus Christ is coming quickly. I hope that gets you excited this morning. Jesus is coming quickly. Jesus is coming soon. Did you know the New Testament has 27 different books and 23 of the 27 books have clear references to the second coming of Jesus, the return of Jesus into our world. Yeah, it's very exciting.

Next to the doctrine of salvation, the doctrine of the return of the Lord is the second most prevalent doctrine of the Bible, doctrinal teaching in the New Testament. How many times is the coming of the return of the Lord found in the pages of the New Testament? What do you think? How many times? Would you believe 318 times we have this promise. Separate verses. That's something we can really trust in. 318 times in the New Testament. One of my favorite promises was given by the Lord himself on the night in which he was betrayed. When Jesus comforts his disciples, when he announces his coming for them, *"Let not your heart be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions,"* many dwelling places. *"If it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again that where I am, you may be also."* That's a powerful promise. John 14:1-3. That's a good promise to memorize as well.

How do these three concluding promises provide inspiration to all believers who are bringing or sending the gospel into the world? Knowing that the coming of our Lord draws closer with each new day gives great motivation and a sense of urgency to the task that Christ has given us. To share the gospel with the lost people of the world. Don't forget Revelation 22:7, 12, and 20 which say, *"Yes, I am coming quickly."* Hopefully this gives us a sense of urgency every day we're closer. And again, I still remember when we started this journey here at Grace Chapel many years ago before the last century ended, but of this plan of going and here we are 27 years later. We're still here, we're still going, but we're much, much closer to the return of Christ.

Secondly, we have the verb to come in another form, in the form of a clear yet gentle, sincere invitation. And by the way, we received a very gentle, sincere invitation to come and be part of this mission's conference. So, thank you for that invitation. Let's look at chapter 22:17 which says, *"The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' Let him that hears say, 'Come.' And let him that is thirsty come; whosoever will let him take the water of life freely."* This time instead of three times in three separate verses, we have the word come three times in just one verse, verse 17. Look at verse 17 carefully and ask yourself who is being addressed in this final invitation of the Bible. Three times we observed the word of this invitation, come, come, but who, who should come, is the question.

We turn to perhaps the most well-known Bible verse in all of scripture, John 3:16, *"For God so loved the world, he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."* The world, who should come, the world, the people of the world. It was the Apostle Paul who wrote these words to his son in the faith Timothy, fellow missionary, younger missionary working with Paul in the early church. *"I exhort therefore that first of all supplications, prayers, intercessions, giving of thanks, prayer,"* the ministry of prayer, *"be made for all men."* All men, yes that's what it says, all men. *"For kings, for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who will have all men to be saved,"* all men to be saved, *"and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."* All men, all men. Who should come? It seems that the sincere offer to come is for everyone.

The Apostle Peter, serving as a witness for Jesus Christ in the early church, wrote these words describing the ongoing characteristic of compassion found in God. *"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise,"* his

promise to return by the way. *"As some men count slackness, but as long suffering or patient with you, not willing that any of you should perish but all to come to repentance."* 2 Peter 3:9. All to come to repentance. This is God's desire, all men to be saved. So, this morning if you have the gift of salvation, you receive this gift, you're part of the all. And praise God that you are included but let's remember this is for all the people in the world, all. Verse 17 we clearly see the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is essential in this invitation to come. The Holy Spirit is working, conviction of the Holy Spirit, convicting of sin. The Holy Spirit is at work. We also see the bride, the bride who's the bride of Christ. The bride of Christ has an important role in inviting others also.

So yes, the church is part of this process of inviting those who are spiritually needy, the lost. So can you see as I do in this verse, in this phrase that it's both God and his saints. God and believers working together, united together, working in this invitation. Come to the Lord. So that is exciting because Jesus said I will build my church but here we have the Holy Spirit working and the Holy Spirit working with the church. The church is the instrument, the tool, the witness that God uses to invite people to come to faith. Yes, whosoever will is an open invitation to everyone. Whosoever will let him take the water of life freely. The water of life represents salvation, eternal life. It's offered completely free of charge to anyone who desires it, requiring no purchase, no merit, no work, just faith. Whosoever will, come, come. It's an invitation.

This is a freeing invitation by the way because I know when I serve in the city of Trieste that as I have this gospel, this good news, everybody I see qualifies. This is for everybody. I am free to share it with everyone. And so that's the great news that this is a gospel for all fallen humanity. In the future, the river of life will be available to all those whom Christ has come for. The water shall be an eternal blessing to enjoy forever according to the first verse of the last chapter. *"He showed me a pure river of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb."* However, we need not wait for heaven to enjoy this spiritually refreshing water. It's available in the here and now. The Lord Jesus testified to the woman at the well in the gospel of John 4. *"Whoever drinks from the water that I will give him or her will never get thirsty again,"* ever. In fact, *"the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up within him for eternal life."* So, with this open and gracious invitation, 22:17, of the Bible, everyone in the world, all humanity, can experience this eternal refreshment. You and I have the authority, we have the responsibility, and we have the privilege to share this invitation with everyone.

We now reach the third point of the use of the verb to come. For the seventh and final time, we find the final prayer of the Bible immediately after the final promise in verse 20. *"He who testifies about these things says, 'Yes, I am coming quickly.'"* And here is a very short prayer in the Bible, but very powerful. *"Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"* Amen to the promise. Yes, Lord, I believe. *"Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"* With the third promise, in just one final chapter, the Apostle John breaks out with an enthusiastic request. *"Amen. Come Lord Jesus!"* Yes, I'm reminded of another example of a faithful servant awaiting the coming of the Lord, the Apostle Paul, at the conclusion of another New Testament book, 1 Corinthians 16, the very end. *"If anyone does not love the Lord, a curse beyond him,"* said the Apostle Paul. Maranatha, that is, come Lord, come quickly, Lord. Paul even ends his letter in the same way as John, *"The grace of our Lord Jesus be with*

you." When we accept the gracious invitation to come to Jesus in faith, everything changes, especially we change. We become new people. We are no longer the same people as before Christ.

Coming to the Lord will enable us to wait patiently for the coming of the Lord, as described in this moment. *"Look, he is coming in the clouds, every eye will see him, including those who pierced him, and all the families of the earth will mourn over him."* Revelation 1:7. So, we can identify with John. Amen, come quickly, Lord Jesus. But we're also in a little bit of a struggle, emotional struggle, because we want to see the Lord come, and even today would be a great day for the Lord to come. But then we think of those we know who don't know Jesus yet, who have not received the gift of salvation. And that's where our hearts get heavy. So, we become torn people, excited about the coming of the Lord, wanting the coming of the Lord, but at the same time saying, Lord, a little more time, please. I have someone in my life I want to see come to faith.

It's interesting, a year ago we were back home for reunions, and three reunions. We were home for 40 days and 40 nights, in and out, and traveled a lot, went to a lot of places. And I happened to be in a place, I arrived in the car with Suzanne, Saratoga, New York, place where they have a lot of horse racing. And Suzanne told me, you go in, I'll stay here in the car. So, I ran in, and Suzanne took a picture of me going in, and I was entering into the casino of Saratoga. And then Suzanne sent a message to her three sisters and our three daughters, and she said, we ran out of money on our way home, so dad went in to earn some money to get gas money to get back to Ohio. What really saddened me was Suzanne's older sister said, he did?

Anyway, I went in, and I was looking for someone in particular, a guy who I hadn't seen for 30 years, and yet in my youth this guy, he was born in the same town I was, Brooklyn, New York, Greenpoint. He was born in the same hospital that I was, and he was born less than two weeks after I was born, and it was my cousin Tommy. And yeah, we were very close when we were young. We played together all the time. We were like brothers. We were cousins, but we were like brothers, and I really got to know him, and we did all kinds of things together. But our lives went in different directions, and so here I am serving the Lord on the mission field of Italy, and he's working in a casino, and we hadn't seen each other.

I walked up to this guy. He had his back to me, a red jacket on, white hair. I don't remember that. He had dark hair like me, and he turned around, he looked at me quizzically, and then a big smile. We hadn't seen each other for 30 years, and I just had five or ten minutes to talk to him, but I am, I want to see my cousin come to faith before the Lord comes back, and the great thing is we've been able to share with him. I've been able to send things to him from Italy, and just met him for supper just a few weeks ago, Suzanne and I and his fiancée, and I'm sharing Christ with him, and I'd like to see this man, this cousin of mine, who I was so close to in my youth come to Christ before the Lord returns.

I bet every one of you have a Tommy in your life, somebody that you're thinking about. You want the Lord to come back, but you're also, you want to see this person come into the kingdom before the Lord comes back, so that when the Lord comes back, they will be with you for all eternity, and that's, that's really what missions is all about. That's what evangelism is about. This wonderful gift that we have received, to not

keep it to ourselves, but to share it with others. Yeah, but what about those who hear this wonderful invitation, but refuse to come? That's what we are concerned about. Those who have chosen to come to Christ have this assurance, *"Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates."*

I started my life in the city of New York, and now I live in a city called Trieste, and a bit smaller, 200,000 people, but that's a city, but my real city, I'm looking forward to, I have not seen yet, and I hope that's true of you. A wonderful city that awaits us, and that when we can enter into those gates because of what Christ has done for us. And we also have a warning, outside of the dogs, the sorcerers, sexually immoral, the murderers, idolaters, those are the people that we want to reach, so that they can receive this gift of salvation. What do all these events look like in the end? If we have to go backwards in this final book of the Bible, let's go back to chapter 4 verse 1 in the book of Revelation.

The Apostle John, the Apostle John, he's the last of the missionaries, the last of the original Apostles. All the other Apostles have met a violent, early persecution, death, and they have all suffered for the Lord, and even John, in this case, is suffering. He has been sent to this island of Patmos, and he's on this island of Patmos because he was sharing Christ, and he's under punishment. But while he's there, he looks up into heaven, and in verse 1, an open door, *"the first voice that I heard speaking to me was like a trumpet, 'Come up here.'"* This was the command, *"Come up here."* So, there we have our word again, *"Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."* John heard a voice, he heard a trumpet, he heard a heavenly command, *"Come up here."* Once again, we see the verb to come. This time, it's in the imperative form. It was a command, *"Come up here,"* John. Suddenly and effortlessly, John leaves his earthly prison. He's transported to the heavenly places where he sees and records what every believer will one day experience. That's why this book of Revelation is so important.

We see the end of the story, right. We're encouraged. In the same way as John, we have a promise, the church, the bride, if I may. In the book of 1Thessalonians 4:13-18, the Apostle Paul is writing to believers. Some believers have died, and believers are confused, uncertain, are worried. What about those who have died? And Paul gives this promise. One day, all of a sudden, all believers, they're going to hear a trumpet, they're going to hear a shout, they're going to hear perhaps the same command as John, come up here, and we will be gone. Our missionary endeavor, our witnessing to the lost in this world will come to an end. We will enter into glory. We will enter with the Savior. We will see Jesus' face to face. I am coming quickly.

And so, we see this in this book of Revelation 22. We are at the end. We are at the end. And at the end, we still hang on to this promise, I'm coming quickly, and we still hang on to this invitation that we give to everybody. Come. Come as I have come. Come to the Lord. And then we have this prayer. As we live in a fallen world, getting worse and worse, we pray, we pray the promise and prayer of John, amen. Come quickly, Lord Jesus.

I encourage you this morning to be faithful to the end, to be faithful to the end, as we have in the book of Revelation. You have this congregation has a heart for world missions. It's exciting to see that this

congregation is in every corner of the earth. And I want to encourage you to keep pressing on. Serve the Christ faithfully until the very end, until our Lord indeed has come quickly.

Thanks be to God.

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