

The Coming King

INTRODUCTION

- Christ's offices of Prophet, Priest, and King
 - **Hebrews 9:27-28**

Christ as King (Rev.19:11-16)

A) In Creation (Gen.1:1; John 1:1-3; Col.1:15-17)

- a. God speaks, Christ performs, the Spirit sustains
- b. Christ is the Creator Agent, making Him supreme over all

B) In Incarnation (Matt.2:1-4; John 18:33-38)

- a. **Matt.2:1-4**
- b. **John 18:33-37**

C) In Resurrection (Col.1:18)

- a. **Col.1:18**
- b. First from the dead
- c. Preeminent in everything...especially the church

D) In Return (Phil.2:9-11; Rev.19:11-16)

- a. **Phil.2:9-11**
- b. As King of kings, He rules over all - even those who are not part of His kingdom
- c. **Rev.19:11-16**
 - i. He is riding on a White Horse -- revealing His righteous rule
 - ii. He is called "Faithful and True" -- **Jer.42:5**, only use in Hebrew, given to God and His judgment of the His enemies

- iii. He has kingly eyes to see all of humanity and their true works, motives, and thoughts
 1. **John 2:23-24**
 2. **Proverbs 21:2**
- iv. He is crowned with many crowns - indicates the fact He rules over all
- v. His name is a mystery and so are His ways. He is inscrutable, and will appear at his perfect timing. He is transcendent -- other than us!
- vi. His robe is dipped in blood - He is the divine warrior, coming a second time, not to deal with sin, rather to rescue those who are His and to judge the unrighteous (**Heb.9:27-28**).
 1. **Isa.63:2-6**
 2. As a general, commands His armies (angels for sure, perhaps even saints at this point).
 3. As saints, the garments are similar to those of priests
 4. His return is for the purpose of actually saving His people and establishing His permanent presence with them. This new heaven and new earth will be pure in every regard. Evil must not only be dealt with, it must be utterly destroyed so that the foundations of what is new is pure, as God Himself is pure (Vern Poythress)
- vii. He is called the "Word of God"
 1. He is the Word having come once (**Jn.1:1-3**) -- He is the same in His return
 2. In the end, Christ reveals Himself for who He has always been (**Rev.22:13; Heb.13:8**) -- This is who Christ was, that became man.
- viii. Conquers the nations with the Sword out of His mouth
 1. Rules all nations with an iron scepter.
 2. Strength, honor, & power
 3. **Ps.2:9** - the crushing of enemies
 4. Treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.
 5. **Jonathan Edwards** (in Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God) says, "The words are exceedingly terrible. If it had only been said, 'the wrath of God,' the words would have implied that which is infinitely dreadful: but it is 'the fierceness and wrath of God.' The

fury of God! The fierceness of Jehovah! O how dreadful must that be! Who can utter or conceive what such expressions carry in them?''

- ix. He is King of kings and Lord of lords!
 - 1. **Daniel 4:37**
 - 2. **Rev.17:14**
 - 3. **Jude 24-25**
- x. Upon His coming, the dead in Christ will rise, the great battle will ensue, Christ will win, judgments will be passed and the new heaven and earth will be established, with the center city being the New Jerusalem, where the glory of the Lord will illuminate the place.

- iv. To promote the coming of Christ by proclaiming the gospel to the lost, even if you costs you earthly treasures (it will only increase the value of Christ as your treasure) -- then you'll want to see only Him!

Meditation & Application

A) Warning!

- a. Those who reject Christ's work as priest has only His kingly role of Judge to expect
- b. **Hebrews 10:26-31**

B) So, how should we respond?

- a. **1 Peter 4:7-11**
- b. **2 Peter 3:11-18**
- c. Resolve....
 - i. To be deliberate in living in such a way that by this time next year (should the Lord tarry) you more passionately declare with John (**Rev.22:20**), "Come, Lord Jesus!"
 - ii. This will be the heart of our message next week in revisiting our passion statement, with "treasuring Christ" as the centerpiece.
 - iii. Order your life in such a way that each major area (home, job, church, private) of your life shows Christ is your treasure. That way, there will be NO tugs on your heart to hope Christ delays so you can do more, get more, or be more.