

=MIRACLES OF CHRIST=

Lesson 10

Second Coming of Christ

AIM: to teach my pupils to look for the coming of Jesus Christ.

POINT OF CONTACT: Ask the pupils to share with you the thing they look forward to the most during the year; for example, their birthday, Christmas, the beginning of school, the closing of school, etc. Ask them to share with you other things to which they look forward. Then tell them that each of us should look forward to the coming of Jesus Christ.

I. THE TRUTH OF HIS COMING.

1. He is coming again. 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 go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."
2. His coming will be just like His going. Acts 1:10, 11, "And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." This means His return will be bodily and physically.
3. His coming will be visible. Revelation 1:7, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."
4. His coming is imminent. I Thessalonians 4:15, "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep." Notice the word "we" in verse 15. Paul was expecting Him to come in his lifetime. Also refer to Revelation 1:3 and the words, "for the time is at hand." He could have come at any time from His going until now and could come at any time in the future.
5. His coming is twofold. He is coming for His own at any time. (I Thessalonians 4:13-17) He is coming seven years later with His own to establish His kingdom. (Revelation 19:11-14)
6. Remember our little outline:
  - 1) He came in Bethlehem to His own.
  - 2) He is coming in the air for His own.
  - 3) He is coming back to the earth with His own.

Note to the teacher: Draw the attached chart on your chalkboard to acquaint pupils with this truth.

II. THE ORDER OF EVENTS AT HIS COMING.

1. I Thessalonians 4:16, 17.
  - 1) The Lord descends from Heaven.
  - 2) He comes with a shout. This is the victor's shout.
  - 3) The voice of the archangel is heard. There were three archangels—Michael, Gabriel and Lucifer. Lucifer was cast out of Heaven, leaving only Michael and Gabriel at the present time.
  - 4) The trump of God shall sound.
  - 5) The dead in Christ shall rise.
  - 6) The living saved shall be transformed and raptured.
  - 7) Both the dead in Christ and the living in Christ shall meet the Lord in the air and shall be with Him forever.

2. II Thessalonians 2:7-12.

- 1) Verse 7 is the rapture. The word “let” means “hinder.” In other words, He Who hinders the work of iniquity shall be taken out of the way. This is the Holy Spirit and speaks of the rapture. See Romans 8:11.
- 2) In verse 8a, the tribulation starts and the Antichrist is revealed.
- 3) In verse 8b, the tribulation ends with the coming of Christ to destroy the Antichrist.
- 4) Verses 9-12 teach that people who refused Christ before His coming will believe the Devil’s lie and cannot be saved after His coming.

III. WHAT WE SHOULD DO IN LIGHT OF HIS COMING.

1. We should be comforted by His coming. (I Thessalonians 4:18)
2. We should look for His coming. (II Peter 3:12-14)
3. We should be purified because of His coming. (I John 3:2, 3)
4. We should be blessed by His coming. (Titus 2:13)
5. We should speak about His coming. (Titus 2:13-15)
6. We should love His coming. (II Timothy 4:8)
7. We should be faithful to church attendance because of His coming. (Hebrews 10:25)

