

THE BLESSEDNESS OF DOING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS

REV. 22:8-15

Introduction:

- A. How should one react to the truths of the book of Revelation?
  - 1. Worship the messenger? v8.
  - 2. Seal it up? v10.
  - 3. Do the commandments? v14.
  
- B. The depth of one's acceptance of the truths of the Bible will be manifest in obedience.
  - 1. "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"
  - 2. "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified and not by faith only?" James 2:24.
  - 3. What we do now will prove the worth of this study.

I. THE REVELATION CONFIRMED, AND A GRAVE ERROR ADMITTED. V8,9

- A. "And I John saw these things, and heard them."
  - 1. saw = blepo = to use the eyes, the act of seeing.
  - 2. heard = akouo = to perceive with the ears.
  
- B. Man's natural tendency displayed.
  - 1. "I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things."
  - 2. shewed = deiknumi = to point out, explain, teach.
  
- C. The error corrected, v9.
  - 1. "I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren and the prophets."
  - 2. "and of them which keep the sayings of this book."
  - 3. "see thou do it not."
  - 4. John included his error in this writing!

II. THESE TRUTHS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED. V10

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- A. "And he said unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book."
  - 1. seal = sphragizo - to seal up letters that they are not read.
  - 2. sayings = logos - that which is spoken.
  
- B. "for the time is at hand."
  - 1. time = kairos - the right time, suitable time.
  - 2. hand = cheir - the hand and the arm.

### III. THIS "TIME" WILL CATCH MEN AS THEY ARE. V11

- A. "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still."
  - 1. unjust = adikeo - to not be right, to be and act unrighteously.
  - 2. filthy = akathartes - unclean, moral lewdness.
  
- B. "and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still."
  - 1. righteous = dikaios - just, right standing.
  - 2. holy = hagios = what belongs to holy and sacred.
  - 3. The second coming of Christ will not change the character of people on the earth.
  - 4. If you are filthy when Jesus comes, you will be filthy forever! If you are holy, you will be holy forever!

### IV. THE SOURCE AND BASIS FOR HEAVENLY REWARDS. V12

- A. The source is Jesus Christ.
  - 1. "And, behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me."
  - 2. quickly = tachy - in a manner of quickness.
  - 3. reward = misthos - wage, pay.
  
- B. "to give every man according as his work shall be."

1. according = hos = for, on the ground that..
2. work = ergon = work, deed, that which is brought into being or accomplished by labor.

#### V. THE BLESSEDNESS OF DOING HIS COMMANDMENTS. U13,14

##### A. The authority of Jesus.

1. "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."
2. He is the "Word."
3. He is the "man-God."

##### B. "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." v14

1. commandment = entole - an injunction, charge.
2. right = eksousia = authority.
3. enter = eiserchomai = to come or go into.

["Blessed are the ones washing their robes in order that the authority shall be theirs toward the tree of life and that they might enter into the gates of the city." J.C. James.]

##### C. Those who have been cleansed by the blood of Christ and who live righteously according to the Word of God will possess authority to enter the gates of the City where the Tree of Life is located.

#### VI. THE CHARACTER OF THOSE WHO CANNOT ENTER THE CITY. U15

##### A. "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murders, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."

1. dogs = kuon = dogs, mature dogs.
2. sorcerers = pharmakos = use of drugs to cast spells.
3. murderers = phoneus = a murderer.
4. idolaters = eidololatres = idol-worship.

5. loveth = phileo - to kiss, to love, friendship.
6. maketh = poieo - to form, to produce, to cause.
7. lie = pseudos = falsehood, lying, a lie.
8. These people who are unchanged can never enter the city, no matter when it is in existence.

B. Paul's statement. Gal. 5:5.

1. "For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and of God"
2. Such people do not possess the new birth. They are not saved people they are people who have come into the Millennium in the flesh.
3. Rev. 19:7-9.

C. Trust Christ Now!