

THE LORD'S SOLEMN INVITATION AND WARNING  
REV. 22:16-21

Introduction:

- A. The Lord has three great experiences for those who will trust Him.
  - 1. Life on this earth, as His Child.
  - 2. Life during the Millennial as His servant.
  - 3. Life on the New Earth as His Son.
  
- B. The Lord has revealed the way of life.
  - 1. The Abundant Life, as a servant.
  - 2. Everlasting life, as a Born Again person.
  - 3. The Bible is the true source of knowledge.
  - 4. In it we find invitation and warning.

I. THE AUTHOR OF THE SOLEMN INVITATION AND WARNING. V16

- A. "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches."
  - 1. sent = pempo - to send, to let go, transmit.
  - 2. testify = martureo - to be a witness.
  - 3. churches = ekklesia = the assembly of saints.
  
- B. "I am the root and the offspring of David."
  - 1. root = hriza - a root, Jesus gave David life.
  - 2. offspring = genos = race, posterity. Jesus is the Son of David, of his lineage.
  
- C. "and the bright and morning star."
  - 1. The Planet Venus. II Peter 1:19.
  - 2. Baalam's prophecy. Num. 24:15-19.
  - 3. Isaiah 60:3, "And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

II. THE SOLEMN INVITATION. V17

- A. "And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come."
  - 1. Spirit = pneuma = the Holy Spirit.
  - 2. Bride = numphe = a bride or young wife.
  - 3. come = erchomai - to come or go. It denotes the act of coming or going.
  
- B. "And let him that heareth say, Come."
  - 1. heareth = akouo - to perceive with the ears.
  - 2. say = lego = the collecting of words in a sentence, an oration.
  
- C. "And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."
  - 1. athirst = dipsao - to thirst, of the ground to be dry, to be parched.
  - 2. freely = dorean = as a free gift, gratis.

### III. THE SOLEMN WARNINGS. V18-19

- A. No one must add to this prophecy. v18
  - 1. testify = summartureo - to witness with others, to bear witness together.
  - 2. add = epitithemi - to set, place or lay on.
  - 3. plagues = plege - a stroke or blow. Vials, 16:1-17.
  
- B. No one must subtract from this prophecy. v19
  - 1. take away = aphairneo - to remove from, to deprive of
  - 2. words = logos - the spoken word that reveals the inward thoughts.
  - 3. The three losses one may suffer.
    - 1. "Take his part out of the book of life."
      - a. part = meros = a portion of a whole.
    - 2. "take his part out of the Holy City."
    - 3. "take his part out of the things which are written in this book."

4. The teaching of these verses is difficult to accept. If a saved person does these things it would follow that any such deprivation of spiritual privileges could occur during the Millennial Kingdom.
5. Unfaithful saved will "suffer loss," will be beaten with "few" or "many" stripes.

#### IV. THE FINAL STATEMENT FROM GOD. V20a

- A. "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely, I come quickly. Amen."
  1. surely = pantos = by all means, at all events.
  2. testifieth = martureo - To state with a certain degree of authority.
  
- B. What would we expect God's last statement to say?
  1. Would we expect an apology?
  2. Would we expect a retraction?

#### V. THE WRITER'S FINAL STATEMENT. V20, 21

- A. "Even so, Come Lord Jesus."
  1. even so = nai = affirming yes, strongly affirming.
  2. Knowing what will happen, come on.
  
- B. "The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."
  1. We need grace every minute of life.
  2. We need His Grace!

