

Where is the Promise of His Coming?

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:3-7

Introduction

The promise of the return of Christ has been, through the centuries, a cardinal doctrine of the Christian faith. It is a part of the hope which the gospel has brought to humanity.

The promise of Christ's return has also brought scoffers to the scene to ridicule and question such a "preposterous proposition."

Where is the promise of His coming? It is:

I. In the unfailing Word of God

1 Peter 1:25 But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

A. Promised by the Lord himself

John 14:3 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.

B. Promised by the angels at His departure

Acts 1:11 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.

C. Promised by the Holy Spirit through the writers of the Scripture

1. Paul--1 & 2 Thessalonians, Titus 2, Hebrews 9

2. Peter--2 Peter 3

II. In current world events

Luke 21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

A. The focus on peace in the Middle East

B. Ills in the monetary system

1. Inflation

2. Unstable currency

3. Resulting in global monetary system

4. Electronic Funds Transfer

C. Declines in individual freedom

III. In positive assurance in the hearts of those who are prepared

Hebrews 9:27 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

A. Inner knowledge to set things in order

B. Inner knowledge to live right

C. Inner cry, Even so, come Lord Jesus

Conclusion

Early this morning I watched as the first faint glow of dawn began to creep above the Sandias. Then I watched, as just above Tijeras Canyon, the morning star rose above the mountains.

Jesus said, "I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. (Revelation 22:16b) In a very short time, the morning Star will rise, and according to the prophet Malachi, "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings." (Malachi 4:2)