

THE LAST WORDS OF JESUS
REVELATION 22:20

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Introduction:

1. Last words can give us great insight into the mind of the person saying them.
 - A. Pancho Villa, before he was killed by Federales in Mexico, said, "Don't let it end like this. Tell them I said something."
 - B. Robert F. Kennedy, said to his wife directly after he was shot and seconds before he fell into a coma, "Is someone hurt?"
 - C. Victor Hugo, author of The Hunchback of Notre Dame, said, "I see black light."
2. The last words of Jesus that have been recorded are these we find in our text. They also give us great insight into the mind of Jesus.

I. THE LAST WORDS OF JESUS WERE A WARNING TO ALL UNBELIEVERS.

- A. The word "surely" means it is a certainty. **Cf. Hebrews 9:28** ... *so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.*
 1. This word is a primary particle of strong affirmation.
 2. It is truth you can rely on.
- B. The word "coming" is a verb in the present tense meaning it has already been decided as to the time. **Matthew 24:36** *But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.*
 1. It will not be delayed.
- C. The word "quickly" carries the idea that when He does arrive it will be too late to be saved. **Luke 17:26-30** *And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.*
- D. This warning given by Jesus is true. That is why the Bible encourages unbelievers to repent of their sins while there is still time. **2 Corinthians 6:2** *For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*

II. THE LAST WORDS OF JESUS WERE A PROMISE TO BELIEVERS.

- A. The word "surely" gives every believer assurance of their salvation. **Romans 8:38-39** *For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
- B. The word "coming" gives every believer a joyful anticipation. **Titus 2:13** *...looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...*
- C. The word "quickly" gives every believer relief from this sin-filled world. **2 Peter 3:13** *Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*

III. THE LAST WORDS OF JESUS WERE ENCOURAGED TO HAPPEN BY THE APOSTLE JOHN. *Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!*

A. These were also the last words of John. Come on Lord, we want to see You! Get us out of here. This world is not my home, I'm just passing through. **Cf. Hebrews 11:13** *These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*

B. They reveal to us that John was certain that the time was at hand and he would soon be standing in the presence of his Savior.

C. The Apostle Peter also gives us encouragement in these last days. **1 Peter 4:7** *But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.*

Conclusion:

1. What will your last words be?
2. Will they be words like Anton LeVey, author of the Satanic Bible and high priest of the religion dedicated to the worship of Satan? His dying words were, "Oh my, oh my, what have I done, there is something very wrong...there is something very wrong..."
3. Or will they be words like the Christian Joseph Everett who, as he was dying, said, "GLORY! GLORY! GLORY!" and continued exclaiming "GLORY!" for over twenty-five minutes until he was escorted by angels to the gates of heaven?