



The Second Coming of Jesus Christ

Sermon by Ray Reynolds (4-11-10 AM)

Text: **I Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Introduction: Have you ever wondered what will happen when the Lord comes back? We live in an age where people are consumed with curiosity about the end of time. This is a subject that I think every Christian should study, not just because we are concerned, but also because we need to calm the fears of the public. The Bible teaches us in unapologetic, straightforward, literal language what will happen. Let's study together.

Discussion:

I. JESUS WILL RETURN TO THE EARTH (ATMOSPHERE)

- A. Jesus will appear at the end of time (**John 14:3, Acts 1:10-11, Hebrews 9:28**).
- B. Jesus will come at a time when the world least expects it (**Matthew 24:44, I Thessalonians 5:2, II Peter 3:10**).
- C. Jesus will come with a host of angels (**Matthew 16:27, Matthew 25:31, Mark 8:38, II Thessalonians 1:7**).
- D. Jesus will come with all His saints (**Jude 14-15, I Corinthians 6:3, I Thessalonians 3:13**).
- E. Jesus will come in such a way that every eye will see him (**Matthew 24:30, I Thessalonians 4:16, Revelation 1:7**).

II. JESUS WILL INITIATE THE RESURRECTION

- A. The good and evil will experience the resurrection (**John 5:28-29, Acts 24:15, I Corinthians 15:21-23**).
- B. Those who are dead in Christ will rise first (**I Corinthians 15:20, I Thessalonians 4:13-16**).
- C. Those who are alive will be gathered up to heaven (**John 14:3, I Thessalonians 4:17**).

III. JESUS WILL JUDGE THE WORLD

- A. Every person will witness the destruction of the earth (**II Peter 3:7, 10**).
- B. Every person will appear before the judgment seat of Christ (**II Corinthians 5:10**).
- C. Every person will be judged according to righteousness (**Acts 17:31**).
- D. Every person will kneel before Christ (**Romans 14:11, Isaiah 45:23**).
- E. Every person will give an account of their earthly deeds (**Romans 14:12**).
- F. Every person will have his/her secrets revealed (**Ecclesiastes 12:14**).
- G. Every person will be separated for their eternal destination (**Matthew 25:31-33**).

IV. JESUS WILL REWARD THE FAITHFUL

- A. The righteous will be granted entrance into Heaven (**Matthew 25:34**).
- B. The righteous will receive the crown of righteousness (**II Timothy 4:8**).
- C. The righteous will receive an incorruptible inheritance (**I Peter 1:4**).
- D. The righteous will become immortal (**Romans 2:7**).
- E. The righteous will receive eternal life (**Matthew 25:46**).

V. JESUS WILL CONDEMN THE WICKED

- A. The wicked will be sent away to Hell (**Matthew 25:41**).
- B. The wicked will be punished away from the presence of the Lord (**II Thessalonians 1:9**).
- C. The wicked will experience the second death (**Revelation 20:14-15**).
- D. The wicked will consciously suffer through eternity (**Matthew 13:40-42**).
- E. The wicked will receive eternal condemnation (**Matthew 25:46**).

Conclusion: These are the facts about the end times. Since they are biblical facts, we know them to be true and they give us hope. Are you ready for that day? Where will you spend eternity? Will you pass the judgment of Christ? Are you praying for Jesus to come again? You still have time to get prepared for that GREAT and AWESOME day!!!

WORD OF THE DAY = "JESUS"