

# DVD #4 – Session 1

## Second Coming

What does the Second Coming mean for the Christian?

Since the promise in the Garden of Eden given to Adam and Eve (Gen. 3:15) of a Redeemer, God's people have had a longing in their hearts for His coming. As early as seven generations from Adam, God gave to Enoch revelations of His second coming. Enoch prophesied, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." (Jude 15)

The Bible tells of individuals who longed for the time that they could personally be with their Redeemer. Biblical characters like Abraham, Moses, King David, Daniel, John the Revelator, and Lazarus' sister Mary were among those who had a closeness to God and a longing to be with Him.

Down through the ages from Bible times to our day, God has had individuals who had a deep longing to be close to Him and be where He is. It is for people who have this longing that the Second Coming is going to take place. God has had a similar desire to be with His people.

God doesn't want His people to be troubled by the events in the world leading up to His return. He doesn't want our hearts to be troubled, but to be filled with hope:

Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. (John 14:1-3 NKJV)

The Second Coming is the one theme that runs through the whole Bible, giving hope to God's people and is the culmination of this world's history. The Bible gives the believer much to anticipate in regards to the Second Coming.

After reading the following texts, list what reason the passage states for the Christian to anticipate the Second Coming.

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| Isaiah 25:9       | <u>He will save us</u>   |
| 1 Thess. 4:16, 17 | <u>The dead in Christ will rise. We will be reunited with our loved ones</u> |
| 1 Cor. 15:51-54   | <u>Receive immortality</u>   |

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| Rev. 21:1-3  | New heaven & new earth. Be with God.                     |
| Rev. 21:4    | Wipe away tears. No death, sorrow, crying, or pain.      |
| Isaiah 35:3  | Our weakened bodies made whole                           |
| Rev. 21:7    | Inherit all things.                                      |
| Isaiah 11:9  | No more hurting or destroying.                           |
| Isaiah 65:21 | Build and inhabit houses. Plant vineyards.               |
| Rev. 22:14   | Have right to the tree of life. Right to enter the city. |
| Isaiah 66:23 | Worship before God each Sabbath.                         |
| Isaiah 65:17 | New heaven and new earth.                                |

### A Cleansing & Consuming Fire

Fire is often mentioned throughout the Bible in many contexts. Not the least of which is in relation to God, heaven, and judgement. Throughout this section of the video various passages describing the role that fire plays in relation to God.

#### In Heaven

- Lucifer walked among fiery stones. (Ezekiel 28:14)
- God's throne is a fiery flame. (Daniel 7:9)
- Angels are a flame of fire. (Hebrews 1:7)
- Sea of glass is mingled with fire. (Revelation 15:2)
- God has the appearance of fire. (Ezekiel 1:27)

#### God's Word & Law

- God's Word is a burning fire. (Jeremiah 20:9)
- God's law is referred to as "fiery". (Deuteronomy 33:2)

#### Presence of God & Judgment

- A fiery stream issues from before God. (Daniel 7:10)
- God will reveal Himself in flaming fire. (2 Thessalonians 1:7, 8)
- God is a consuming fire. (Hebrews 12:29)
- The wicked perish as wax before a fire. (Psalm 68:2)
- Who can swell with the devouring fire? (Isaiah 33:14)

## **God's Love as Fire**

- Song of Solomon celebrates the love between husband and wife that God gives as a gift. In Solomon 8:6 this love is compared to “coals of fire.” The word in the Hebrew for this love is the same word used to describe the love God has for His people (Hosea 11:4, Jeremiah 31:3, Isaiah 63:9)

Throughout the Scriptures there are many instances in which fire plays a leading role. Often times, the fire has a spiritual significance that parallels the above passages. The following Biblical stories contain references to fire that correspond to the above categories. As you read these passages, identify what role fire plays.

| <b>Reference</b>                      | <b>Biblical Story</b>      | <b>Fire's Role</b>     |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Genesis 3:22-24                       | Guards of the Tree of Life | Judgment               |
| Genesis 19:13, 24-25                  | Sodom & Gomorrah           | Judgment               |
| Exodus 3:1-5                          | Burning Bush               | Presence               |
| Exodus 13:21, 22                      | Pillar of Fire             | Presence               |
| Exodus 19:18 &<br>Exodus 20:1-18      | Mount Sinai                | Presence<br>Word & Law |
| Leviticus 10:1, 2 &<br>Numbers 26:61  | Nadab & Abihu              | Judgment               |
| Numbers 16:35 & 26:9, 10              | Korah, Dathan & Abiram     | Judgment               |
| Daniel 3:19-26                        | Fiery Furnace              | Judgment               |
| 1 Kings 18:36-19                      | Showdown on Carmel         | Judgment               |
| 2 Kings 2:10, 11 &<br>2 Kings 6:14-17 | Chariot & Horses of Fire   | Presence               |
| Acts 2:1-4                            | Tongues of Fire            | Presence               |
| Revelation 20:7-10                    | Final Fire                 | Judgment, Love         |

## **Faith via the Sanctuary**

The Bible reminds us that our sin has separated us from God (Isaiah 59:2). The only way to be able to dwell in God's presence is for sin to be removed. There are two ways this can happen: we can follow God's plan for the removal of sin from us, or we can bear the sin ourselves and be destroyed with the sin.

God provided the earthly sanctuary as a visible, living demonstration of this process and how God works to remove sin. Although we no longer have this earthly representation, by faith we

follow our Savior through the heavenly sanctuary as God moves towards the final eradication of sin for all eternity. The steps are the same, the process is the same, and the results are the same.

Using the questions and Scriptures on the table below, list the steps that we follow today in allowing sin to be removed from our hearts as we prepare to live eternally with a holy God who knows no sin and in whose presence sin cannot exist.

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| Steps to Returning to Oneness With God  | <b>Heavenly Sanctuary</b> | Hebrews 8:1 & 2   |
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| What is the cause of separation from God?                                     | <b>Sin</b>                | Isaiah 59:2, 1 John 3:4, James 4:17, 1 John 5:17  |
|   | ↓                         |   |
| What reveals our sinful condition?  | <b>God's Law</b>          | Romans 7:7-9, James 2:10  |
|   | ↓                         |   |
| Who causes us to feel our need for God?                                       | <b>Holy Spirit</b>        | John 16:7-8, 13   |
|   | ↓                         |   |
| What attitude does the heart assume when it surrenders to conviction?         | <b>Repentance</b>         | Psalms 51:3, 9-11   |
|   | ↓                         |   |
| What must we do before God and our fellow man to show our sorrow for sin?     | <b>Confession</b>         | Proverbs 28:13, 1 John 1:9, James 5:16  |
|   | ↓                         |   |
| What is the cleansing agent for our sin?                                      | <b>Blood / Sacrifice</b>  | Romans 5:9, 1 John 1:7, Revelation 1:5 & 7:14   |
|   | ↓                         |   |
| What does it mean to be clean?  | <b>Cleansing</b>          | Romans 6:1-4, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 4:22-24   |
|   | ↓                         |   |
| What is the process we submit to in order that God's image be restored in us? | <b>Sanctification</b>     | Romans 12:1-2, 1 Corinthians 1:30, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4, 2 Thessalonians 2:13, 1 Peter 1:5-8 |
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What is the final exam that will indicate whether or not we are prepared to live in the presence of God?

**Judgment**

Ecclesiastes 12:14, Zechariah 3:1-7, Matthew 22:1-14, Matthew 25:1-13, Matthew 25:31-46, Revelation 22:11



What is God's final act in the process of eradicating sin from His universe?

**Sin Removed**

Isaiah 28:21-22, Malachi 4:3, Matthew 25:41, 2 Peter 3:10-13, Revelation 20:9-10

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## DVD #3 – Session #2

End-time Events Section

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