

MY RESPONSE TO HIS COMING

Beloved of the Lord:

Four Scriptures, spoken by the Saviour Himself in reference to His second coming, should produce four responses to his words. Consider them separately and prayerfully.

- 1 - THE RESPONSE OF MY FEET - In Matt. 25:6 - Jesus said "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him". Am I walking to meet Him? This involves a Spiritual walk in my life. Paul describes it - "Walk in love - as Christ loved us" - Eph. 5:2. "Walk as children of light", in "all goodness and righteousness and truth" - Eph. 5:8,9. "Walk circumspectly" - carefully - Eph. 5:15. "Walk worthily of the Lord" - well pleasing to Him - Col. 1:10 - This is the way to go and meet the Bridegroom.
- 2 - THE RESPONSE OF MY EYES - In Mark 13:35, Jesus said, "Watch ye therefore" for ye know not when I am coming. Be alert - "I say unto all WATCH" - v.37. Our spiritual eyes are meant - "the eyes of your heart" - Eph. 1:18. Constantly "looking unto Jesus - Heb. 12:2. "Looking for that blessed hope" etc. - Tit. 2:13. Directed heaven ward - "from whence we look for the Saviour" to come - Phil. 3:20,21. For "we wait for His Son from heaven" - 1 Thess. 1:10. Are your eyes looking heaven ward?
- 3 - THE RESPONSE OF MY HANDS - In Luke 19:13, Jesus said - "Occupy till I come". Until He comes, He expects me to serve Him, to have my hands devoted in His service. "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do with thy might" - "Eccl. 9:10. In Lev. 8 the word "consecration" means "the filling of the hands", consecrated service. "For ye serve the Lord Christ" - Col. 3:24. We are saved "to serve the living God" - Heb. 9:14. He is coming to appraise our service - 2 Cor. 5:10 - 1 Cor. 3:9-15. What will be my reward then? - 1 Cor. 9:18. Serve Him for His glory!
- 4 - THE RESPONSE OF MY HEART - In John 14:3 - Jesus said - "I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, ye may be also". This can only speak to my heart, for He tells me He wants me to be with Him in the Father's house and will come and take me there. If His great heart of love wants me, then surely my heart says - "Even so, COME, Lord Jesus" - Rev. 22:20. He will not be satisfied until He sees me there - Isa. 53:11. I shall not be satisfied until I see Him there - Psa. 17:15. My feet may be weary; my eyes dim; my hands feeble; but my heart says - "COME, LORD JESUS". When He comes -

THEN - "He and I, in that bright glory,
One deep joy shall share -
Mine to be forever with HIM;
HIS, that I am there."

Your servant in that blessed hope,

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