YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN and Other Sermons

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SERMON FIVE

SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

(Matthew 24: 3-13, 21-22, 29-31; 25: 31-34, 41-46; Acts 1: 9-11)

I DO not know what Scriptures to quote of the many in the Word, as my text, so I am going to skip through some verses in the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth chapters of Matthew and then some verses in the first chapter of Acts, and you can take your choice about which I am using as my text.

Unquestionably the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is the greatest doctrine in the entire Bible next to salvation. I am sorry to say there are very few preachers who give themselves to the preaching of that doctrine. I shall tell you why.

There are two reasons.

One is that there have been so many blasphemous, heretical statements made about the second coming of Christ that some brethren are leery about taking sides on it. The other reason is that in order to know something about the second coming, you have to study the Bible, and most of our brethren in the ministry are not given to studying the Bible too much.

There is such paucity of information, there is such an awful shortage of knowledge on the subject of the second coming of Christ, that its inspiration, its power, and its drive are lacking in our churches.

After I have said all that, you will come back at me and say, "Preacher, do you know all about the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ?"

No. But I do know where I can find all about the coming of Jesus Christ, and my concern is to take the Word of God, to quote to you the passages, to use the briefest illustrations to explain them, and let the Holy Spirit burn the words into your souls.

I witness to you that every preacher, every Sunday-school teacher, every church-member who loves the Lord and loves the religion of our blessed Saviour, is interested in the salvation of the lost world and the coming in of the kingdom, should spend much time in meditation on and the preaching and the witnessing to the fact that Christ is coming again. If I could sell the idea to everyone of you Christians, I guarantee you would be one hundred per cent better Christians than before. If I could sell the idea of the second coming of Christ to those who are not Christians, I guarantee every one of you would accept Christ as Saviour.

On the basis of God's Word, by giving Scripture after Scripture, let me call your attention to four things:

- (1) The promise of His coming;
- (2) The program at His coming;
- (3) The purpose in His coming;
- (4) The preparation for His coming.

I. THE PROMISE OF HIS COMING

The promise is the Word of God.

First, Jesus said that He was coming again.

I quote two or three of the many passages that Jesus spoke telling us He is coming again:

"For the Son of man shall come in the glory of the Father with his angels and shall reward every man according to his works."

"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

Then angels foretold that Jesus was coming again. "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."

Then, the Apostles said so.

Surely the Apostles knew what to preach on. Certainly the Apostles Paul, James, and John knew the Word better than any modern preacher, or anybody preaching the gospel today, no matter how great or powerful. Surely these Apostles knew better what God wanted them to preach than any of us poor mediocre preachers of this day and time. Yet over and over again, driving, pleading, constraining, they held up this inspiring truth.

The message of the second coming of Christ was incessantly on their lips, in their writings, and in their witnessing to the people whom they were trying to enlist, to dedicate, to the service of God.

I am taking three or four passages of the writings of the Apostles about the coming of Christ:

"After they had held their peace, James answered saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: Simon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written. After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: that the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things."

"After these things I will return and will build again the tabernacle of David," not as it was before, exclusively for the Jews, but this time the Gentiles will also flock to see the God of Jacob.

Then John: "Behold he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."

Then Paul: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God."

I need not go any further. If these words taken out of God's Word are dictated and indicted by the Holy Spirit; if they are God's Word—unchangeable, unmistakable, unshakable Word—then on the guarantee of these promises I can say to you tonight that Christ Jesus is coming again. But let me not stop there. My task is great tonight: to put into one sermon the mighty subject of the second coming of our Saviour.

II. THE PROGRAM AT HIS COMING

Consider the program at His coming.

First, the time of His coming.

Here is what Jesus says about that time: "But that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels in heaven; but the Father only."

"And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power."

The time of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is a sealed mystery known only to God, and any man or group of men, church or denomination (as many of them have done) that set themselves up to say in 1939 or in 1940 or in 1953 (as I read in a late book) Jesus is coming, are irreverently intruding, are blasphemously rushing in where angels fear to tread, and are close—if not altogether—over the borderline of heresy. God has not revealed in His Word the time of the coming of the blessed Son of God, but He has not left us without warnings and without what we call "**the signs of the times**." And they are many.

Let me take them in a hurry and make a little brief statement on each.

The first is my people, the Jews.

I am going to borrow from some of the things that I shall say tomorrow. God has said this: "And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land."

For the first time in the history of these nineteen hundred years, for the first time since the destruction of Jerusalem, the Jews are going back to Palestine in great numbers. There are more Jews now in Palestine than there ever have been in these nineteen hundred years since Titus, the son of the Roman Emperor, destroyed that Holy City and declared it as no more a city, never to be used by any people. True, it was rebuilt and all that, but now there are more Jews in Jerusalem and in Palestine than in any like period in the history of the world.

If you will have it, the tribulations that have come upon the Jews are God's constraint and coercion to drive them to the idea that neither Germany, Italy, nor Romania, nor—I expect to see the day when even America will join in the godless persecution of the Jews—even the United States are not be the permanent home for God's people.

It will be a sad day for the United States as it is a sad day for Germany and for Italy, but it is coming, and the reason it is coming, partly, is because the Jews of America have lost themselves so in the life of the nation that they have forgotten they are God's chosen people, that America is not their country, and that God's purpose will not be worked out as long as they consider this country their "Promised Land."

Some Jew came to me in Oklahoma City and said, "Young man, you are a traitor to your people." I said, "Brother, I am doing more for my people in Oklahoma City than all of you Jews that have lived here put together. When I get through with a church and finish with a revival, people realize there is something else to a Jew besides a dollar bill. Do you know that?"

The man said, "God has given you talents. I thank God for that. Why don't you use them for your people?" I said, "I will, if you will give me a chance. I will live in rags, on bread and water, if you will open your synagogues to me and let me tell you why I became a Christian."

He shrugged his shoulders and turned away.

Yes, they are bright up to a point; but when it comes to Christ they are like a stone wall. God is dealing with them and is driving them out of their security, riches, social prestige, political achievements, and so on, forcing them back into God's narrow path for His glory and the advancement of His kingdom. But we betide that man, that nation, that places a heavy finger on the heart, head, or property of a Jew. Don't forget that. God has said, "**I will bless them that bless you and curse them that curse you**."

The Jews are going back to Palestine. But, listen further what God has to say:

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their consciences seared with a hot iron."

Many a preacher standing in the pulpit of a church that names itself by the name of Christ denies the virgin birth of Jesus, the efficacy of His blood, the power of His resurrection; denies that Jesus Christ is anything more than a man. How a man can stand in the sacred desk and preach a doctrine like that, unless his conscience is seared with a hot iron, I don't see. They are everywhere. They are in our Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Christian pulpits, Christian schools, colleges, seminaries. They are growing in such vast numbers that it is just an assurance to my soul that the daybreak is coming, Jesus is getting ready to mount His horse and come to claim His own.

"This know that in the last days perilous times shall come for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof."

If that is not a description of the average church I have had to deal with, if that is not a description of the average Christian congregation, I am blind, deaf, and dumb. If we have more backsliding, more drawing away from God, more of our church-members going out into sin, we may as well close our churches and go out of business.

Seventy-five per cent of our church-members never pray a prayer, read a verse of Scripture, talk to an unsaved soul, pay a penny for the advancement of God's kingdom. Oh, yes, they have a form of godliness, they come to church regularly— just as regularly as Mothers' Day or Christmas Sunday or Easter come around, just as regularly as there is some kind of entertainment in the church, just as regularly as a revival is put on. Some of them will not even come then.

I tell you, beloved, the drifting away from God, the drifting of God's people out into sin, is an absolute proof that Jesus Christ is about to appear on the horizon to change the complexion of things. You say, "They have never been saved." I don't know; but Paul describes them in his letter to Timothy, "**having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof**."

Their names are on the church-roll, their names are recorded in the Sunday-school, they drop a nickel into the collection plate. Once in a while they give a dollar, and when they do, they growl, and scream, and screech, and scold, and say, "The preachers never do anything but ask for money."

Did you ever hear a man giving a great deal of money making that statement? Take them out of the way so we can go on and serve the Lord Jesus Christ and do a piece of work for God's Son without having to drag dead weight.

But thank God every godless professor of religion is just a beam pointing to the fact that Jesus Christ is coming again. Did you ever in your life hear, read, or see such sin as we have today?

Listen! The high-school boys and girls, the college young men and women of today, commit worse sins than any grown people have committed in any time in the history of mankind. I have read of the licentious practices of the Romans until my blood has run cold. I have read of the iniquitous pursuits of the Greeks until I turned away in shame that men and women could do things of that kind. I have read of the unholiness of the Babylonians and Egyptians. They were a bunch of children playing at sin alongside of the people of our country engulfed in the tidal wave of corruption and iniquity that is sweeping across our land from the White House to the peasant's hovel, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and all the way in between.

These are just signposts in the hands of the angels warning us, declaring to us that Christ Jesus is coming again.

Consider next, *the wars and rumors of wars*, this arming of nation after nation, this sitting on a volcano, on a powder barrel with men like Mussolini, Hitler, Stalin, as a match in Satan's hands ready to strike fire to it all.

Listen! Before I get too old to put on the uniform of the United States of America, I am not going to wait for a draft; I am not going as a chaplain; I will go back to my branch of the army, the Medical Department, and do all I can for the other boys. I couldn't take a rifle and shoot anybody.

Before I get too old (and I am thirty-six) I expect the United States of America is going to call its boys to the colors and thousands of us will have to pay with our blood again and again in order to hold up the traditions and principles so dear to us.

I hate war. I would rather sacrifice anything and suffer anything; I'd rather pay any kind of tribute or taxes, rather suffer any kind of poverty than to have war; but if I had it my way all the American forces would be lined up against Hitler and Mussolini and against their ideas. I'd say to them, "No, you can't do the things you are doing." But I'm a poor preacher and talking out of turn, although out of a burning heart. Oh, those poor Czechs out yonder! What a lovely people! How gentle and sweet! There isn't anything about them— well, let's get back to preaching about the second coming of Christ. O blessed Czechs, Jesus is coming. I know what I am talking about. I have known many of them personally in my time. Jesus is coming to straighten all that out.

We talk about the League of Nations. I have heard man after man say that the mistake was that the United States did not back up the League of Nations. I don't think that is so. I think they did the right thing by staying out. I shall tell you why.

- There is just one league that will straighten this mess out, and that is the league of Calvary's Cross.

- There is one treaty that will solve the wars, and that is the treaty signed in the blood of Jesus outside the gates of Jerusalem.

- There is only one ruler over this earth who will establish the reign of righteousness, and that is the Prince of Peace when He comes again.

Any other plan or program is bound to fail and fall.

I sat in the banquet hall of the Gold Room of the LaSalle Hotel on my graduation from the University, and the retiring president, Father McKabe—how I loved him and admired him and appreciated him—a Catholic, stood up there. The war was over and they were signing the peace treaty. They were out there in Versailles signing the peace treaty and that great man, with tears streaming down his cheeks, said: "Men and brethren, and you dear sisters, they are sowing dragon's teeth out yonder in France. I want to call your attention to this terrible fact, that in all the conferences, in all the meetings, there has not been a single prayer offered to God."

How could they expect God to bless a godless thing like that? We talk a great deal about the great Woodrow Wilson, but he made a terrible mistake when he didn't call God into the bargain. We talk a great deal about the greatness of Lloyd George. What a traitor Lloyd George played to his God and his Christ when he didn't call the great conference to their knees!

I tell you there wouldn't be any Hitler nor Mussolini, no Czech situation, no millions of dollars spent in the United States for war equipment, money wasted, thrown away, if they had given God a chance. But they didn't, and here we are.

These three things—the return of the Jews to Palestine, the fearful welter of sin, the international situation, are a direct sign that Christ is coming again.

Ah beloved, let me tell you a secret that makes me want to dance and jump up and down like a Comanche Indian. I believe that Jesus Christ is coming before I die. I believe that I shall be standing in the pulpit and crying to sinners, "Come unto Jesus," when the skies will split open, the earth totter and shake, and the sign of the Son of Man appear in great glory.

That is why I don't go to shows nor do things contrary to God's will. I know not at what moment He may appear, but I surely don't want Him to find me in a moving-picture show. I don't want Him to find me at a baseball or football game when there is a revival going on in my church. I don't want Him to find me on the golf links when my fellow church-members are sweating their souls out for lost souls. I don't want Him to find me outside of the church building smoking cigars or cigarettes when God's people are travailing for lost souls.

III. THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING

Why is He coming? What is the purpose in His coming?

First, to reveal His glory.

Paul says: "I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus who before Pontius Pilate witnessed the good confession that thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing (or revealing) of the Lord Jesus Christ when He shall show who is the blessed Lord of lords." Thank God for that. It looks like Jesus Christ is getting the little end of the deal, like people are not paying attention to Him. Any second-hand league baseball player gets more money than a preacher; any moving-picture show takes in more money than a church.

But there is a day coming, a great day coming, a glad day coming, a glorious day coming, a shoutin' day coming, when Jesus will come riding with all the panoply and glory of the hosts of heaven in His train to show the world that He is far above all principalities and powers, all educators, scientists, statesmen, philosophers, soldiers, and all entertainers, and people.

If it were announced in the papers tonight or tomorrow morning that Robert Taylor or—what is that friend of Ginger Rogers?—Fred Astaire—were going to come here and speak in the auditorium; if it were announced that Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers were going to put on a dance, and you could come and see it free, you would have to hire extra police to keep the crowds away. But let the same papers announce that George Truett, that matchless voice for God, is to speak tomorrow morning in the auditorium, maybe it would be full and maybe not, but they wouldn't have to have the police to keep the crowds away.

But, thank God, there is a day coming when it will all be different—when all this world, when every man, every woman, every child, will fall at the feet of Jesus instead of at the feet of some idol of a passing moment. I say again, I don't know how you feel, but I am jealous for Christ, for His good name, for His fame, jealous for His reputation, concerned that He be lifted up higher than any earthly, than any mundane, any temporary thing or person or principle, or organization.

Yes, He is coming to reveal that He is the Son of God, to whom God has entrusted all authority in heaven and in earth.

He is coming to receive His church, to raise the dead saints, to translate the living saints, and then to reward them. Let me read to you from God's Word:

"And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, as the voice of many waters, of mighty thunderings, saying, Hallelujah, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to him for the marriage of the Lamb is come and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him, for this we say unto you by the word of the Lord that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep, for the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, the voice of the archangel and the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

"Behold, I show you a mystery: we shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed, for our conversation is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things to himself."

Let me not quote any more. Let us stop and think of it for a little while. Let's rejoice in the coming of the Lord. He said that the dead in Christ will rise first. How many of you have fathers who have gone on to glory to be with Jesus? Father may never have known which side to get on a horse on earth, but he is all ready to come riding with Jesus. How many have mothers in glory? Thank God. They are coming, too, with Jesus Christ. Many have a brother, a sister; some of you have wives, husbands, blessed children, not a span long, in the grave. God has taken them away to Himself, but He is taking care of them and will return them to you.

O Holy Spirit, speak the burning message that is on my heart. I want you to see it. We have gone on and on struggling. We have prayed and wept. The church has grown worse instead of better. A few souls have been added and many have slipped back and out. We have grown old and sick and tired, and then all of a sudden the trumpet blows, the heavens split open, the Son of God appears on the horizon, dressed in all the habiliments of heaven, the accouterments of His horse worth more than the fortunes of the earth. There He is on that great white charger that breathes fire, trampling on the kingdoms of the earth. And in back of Him, who do you think? You say, the archangel Gabriel? No, that is one time he is going to be there, but not next to Jesus.

In back of Him maybe to the left, to the right, Paul and Peter and James and John and Matthew and Bartholomew and Thomas and all the rest of that apostolic band. In back of them a great host of men, women, and children who died for the faith through all the generations, who passed since Christ the Redeemer was lifted on the cross, and in back of them the mighty throng of men and women and children who died natural deaths, who died in Christ. There you see them.

We are here upon the earth, or perhaps are with them. The trumpet sounds again. The bodies of those dead loved ones rise up and fly to rejoin their souls. Then we shall see each other and know each other.

"Yes; tell me, preacher, will we know each other in heaven?" Brother, sister, don't you think we shall be as wise in heaven as we are upon the earth? Surely we shall know each other. Oh, can you see? May God in His infinite mercy make you see it. Can you see yourself throwing your arms around that mamma and saying, "Mamma, we shall part never again; we are going to be forever together with Jesus." And, "Daddy, you come here, too; and, brother, sister."

O you wives who have unsaved husbands, die for them and lead them to Christ. O you fathers and mothers who have unsaved children, give your lives to be burned at the stake to lead them to Christ. O you who have loved ones who are not ready for the coming of Christ, give everything that you are, that you have, unstintingly, unhesitatingly, sacrificially.

Then you may build bridges of your lives and your bodies and your torn souls and your tearfilled hearts that you might win them for the Son of God.

And then there will come a time, the good Book says, when Jesus will reward His saints.

"Hereafter there is laid up for us a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

I am not interested in any crown made of gold. I want a crown of Christ's approval. Out yonder in Chicago, in Evanston, a suburb of Chicago, a boy from Northwestern University swam out to a sinking vessel and rescued eleven people almost dying with exposure. The doctor gave him a sedative, and he fell asleep. His brother sat by his side. Toward morning that sleeping boy opened his eyes and looked at his brother. "How many did I bring out? Did you get the rest of them?"

"Yes, all twenty-three of them."

"Did I do my best?"

"You sure did, son. You sure did."

He dozed off again while the brother sat there watching his pale face. The tired hero woke up, looked up again and said, "Bud, did I do my best?"

The watcher bent down over his brother's reclining body, picked him up, pressed him to his heart, kissed him on the lips like any girl, and said, "Yes, brother, you sure did your best."

Listen! When the trumpet sounds, if I am alive or if I am dead, and I rise up to meet Christ, I want to fall on my knees and press my face against that pierced foot in that stirrup and spend a long while weeping over it and thanking Him for the scar in that foot. Then I can hear Jesus plainly— and that is what gives me grace to turn my back on father, mother, and sister, and wife, and precious babies—I can hear Jesus saying as He bends down to lift me up, "Son, you sure made a mess of it. You made a mess of it, but, boy, thank you, you tried."

That is all the reward I want. I don't care for anything else. If I can only look into His face and see Him smile and hear Him say, "You have done your best, you have tried," that is reward enough for me. Why, if I were to be crucified, buried in some prison, left to rot to death, or suffer death for Christ in any other way that would be a price too small for Jesus' saying, "*You tried, son.* Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

I wish I didn't have to say this other thing. I wish there weren't anything more to it. I am weeping because my heart is aching and breaking. I am weeping because gladly would I give my life tonight if I could change it. Christ Jesus is coming to reveal His glory. Amen and Amen! He is coming to receive His church. Glory to God!

But, He is coming, oh, He is coming to reject the lost, to reject the lost!

"Then shall he say unto them on his left hand, Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels. And these shall go away into everlasting burning. But the fearful and the unbelieving and the abominable and whoremongers and murderers and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone."

To reject the lost! There is no way out; there is no other way! You are either saved and received by Christ or lost and rejected and doomed and damned and eternally condemned by this Jesus, who bled out His life for you on Calvary, who gladly, eagerly, anxiously, willingly, zealously will wash your soul in His own heart's blood.

IV. THE PREPARATION FOR HIS COMING

There is just one more word, and here it is. One more word and that is, the preparation for the coming of Christ.

First, for us Christians.

Beloved, we must wait patiently, faithfully, wait, wait. It looks like He is never coming. It looks like the devil is having his own way, but Christ is coming. He said go. He has never broken any promise spoken, and He will not break that promise to us. I don't care how it looks, how it seems, how dark the cloud. There is a silver lining getting broader and broader and broader with every passing hour, let alone day, let alone year. Yes, wait.

Second, we must watch.

Watch your souls, your prayer lives, your loyalty to Christ and to the church. Watch your record. "Watch for ye know not what hour of the night the Son of Man cometh."

Third, we must work.

Work.

- Work without ceasing. "Work, for the night cometh when no man can work."
- Work for the glory of Christ.
- Work for the advancement of His kingdom.
- Work for the upbuilding of His church.
- Work for the salvation of the lost.
- Work for the pulling down of the strongholds of sin,
- Work for the overcoming of the devil,

- Work for the reward that Jesus has in store for everyone who loves Him and waits and works for His appearing.

Then, beloved, there is a preparation for the unsaved, for those of you who are lost.

First, you must repent.

My unsaved brother, my unsaved sister, you must repent. Jesus said, "**Except ye repent, ye shall** all likewise perish." Paul said, "The time of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent because he hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained." Repent. Repent. Turn your back on your sins and your face to God Almighty.

Second, you must receive.

- Receive Christ as your Saviour.
- Receive Jesus as your Redeemer.
- Receive His blood for your cleansing.
- Receive His agony, His travail for your propitiation.
- Receive His resurrection for your justification.
- Receive His ascension for your intercession. Receive Him tonight. Receive Him now.

Third, you must rejoice.

Not only repent, not only receive, but rejoice together with us that Jesus is coming to take His own unto Himself and to reward all those who in patient longsuffering and endurance have worked and toiled and prayed and sacrificed and wept their hearts out to advance the interests of the kingdom of God and of His Christ.

The gates of mercy are still ajar. The gates of grace are still wide open. The blood is still available for the forgiveness of your sins. God wants every man and every woman and every child ready and willing and able, to say, "**Even so, come, Lord Jesus**," to come and say it.

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