



Session 8

The Returning God

Review

1. Knowledge of God
2. Glorious God
3. Intimate God
4. Bridegroom God
5. The Holy God
6. The Just God
7. The Meek God

I. The Returning God

A. An Essential Part of the Gospel

1. Tit 2:11-15 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.
 - a) Grace of God appeared – 1st Coming of Jesus
 - (1) Bringing salvation
 - (2) Instructing us
 - 1) To deny ungodliness & worldly lusts
 - 2) To live soberly – righteously & godly
 - 3) In this present age
 - (3) Until
 - 1) We are to wait in confident patience for something
 - (i) Our blessed hope & appearance of the glory of our great God & Saviour Jesus Christ
 - (a) Who gave Himself for us to redeem us from lawless deeds
 - (b) Purifying us for Himself
 - b) These things speak, encourage & convict with all authority.

II. Return of Jesus

A. Act 1:9-11 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

B. 150 Chapters

1. 12%

C. What was revealed

1. Law
2. Prophets

D. What Jesus said Himself

1. Gospels

E. What was revealed following His departure

1. Paul

a) 2Thess

- (1) 2Th 2:1-8 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,
- (2) 2Th 2:2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.
- (3) 2Th 2:3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,
- (4) 2Th 2:4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.
- (5) 2Th 2:5 Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things?
- (6) 2Th 2:8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;

2. John

a) The Revelation of Jesus Christ

3. Peter
4. James
5. Jude
6. Hebrews

III. But what about...

A. Speculation

1. 2Co 10:3-6 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete.

B. Confusion

1. "It will all pan out in the end."
2. Leading many to shy away from, even fear it.
3. For many, it has become something to be aware of, yet prefer it doesn't happen in our lifetime.
 - a) Wait until I get married
 - b) I want to have babies
 - c) I want to see them grow up
 - d) I want to see my grandchildren

C. His Promise

1. Joh 14:1-3 "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 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."

D. His Desire

1. Joh 17:15 "I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.
2. Joh 17:24 "Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

E. How do you want me to know You in this?

1. Consider all the other attributes and see them all in My return
 - a) Creation expresses My attributes
 - b) Incarnation expresses My attributes
 - c) My return expresses My attributes

F. The Nobleman's Return

1. Luk 19:11 While they were listening to these things, Jesus went on to tell a parable, because He was near Jerusalem, and they supposed that the kingdom of God was going to appear immediately. Luk 19:12 So He said, "A nobleman went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and then return. Luk 19:13 "And he called ten of his slaves, and gave them ten minas and said to them, 'Do business with this until I come back.' Luk 19:14 "But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.' Luk 19:15 "When he returned, after receiving the kingdom, he ordered that these slaves, to whom he had given the money, be called to him so that he might know what business they had done. Luk 19:16 "The first appeared, saying, 'Master, your mina has made ten minas more.' Luk 19:17 "And he said to him, 'Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, you are to be in authority over ten cities.' Luk 19:18 "The second came, saying, 'Your mina, master, has made five minas.' Luk 19:19 "And he said to him also, 'And you are to be over five cities.' Luk 19:20 "Another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I kept put away in a handkerchief; Luk 19:21 for I was afraid of you, because you are an exacting man; you take up what you did not lay down and reap what you did not sow.' Luk 19:22 "He *said to him, 'By your own words I will judge you, you worthless slave. Did you know that I am an exacting man, taking up what I did not lay down and reaping what I did not sow? Luk 19:23 'Then why did you not put my money in the bank, and having come, I would have collected it with interest?' Luk 19:24 "Then he said to the bystanders, 'Take the mina away from him and give it to the one who has the ten minas.' Luk 19:25 "And they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas already.' Luk 19:26 "I tell you that to everyone who has, more shall be given, but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. Luk 19:27 "But these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slay them in my presence."
2. Parable – Jesus used an example of recent history to communicate
 - a) Jesus – the Nobleman
 - b) Servants
 - c) Minas
 - d) Citizens
 - e) Accounting
 - f) Dealing with the enemies