**SERMON OUTLINE**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **SERMON TITLE:** | Soon Coming of Our Lord |
| **SERMON REFERENCE:** | Revelation 1:3 |
| **LWF SERMON NUMBER:** | #1973 |
|  |  |
| We are grateful for the opportunity to provide this outline producedfrom a sermon preached by Adrian Rogers while serving aspastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee.This outline is intended for your personal, non-commercial use.In order to ensure our ability to be good stewards of Adrian Rogers’ messages,Love Worth Finding has reserved all rights to this content.Except for your personal, non-commercial use and except for brief quotationsin printed reviews, no part of this publication may be reproduced,stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means—electronic, mechanical, photocopy, recording, or any other—without the prior permission of the publisher.Copyright ©2021 Love Worth Finding Ministries, Inc. |

1. INTRODUCTION
	1. Revelation 1:3
		1. At any moment, Jesus can come.
			1. Eternity is not way out yonder; it is only a heartbeat away.
	2. The Apostle Paul told us two millennia ago that the time is at hand.
	3. At any time, the Lord Jesus could come in glory for His own.
	4. Revelation 1:7-8
		1. “Clouds” in this passage refer to the Shekinah glory of God.
		2. The Lord Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega.
			1. Alpha is the first letter in the Greek alphabet.
			2. Omega is the last letter in the Greek alphabet.
				1. There is nothing before alpha and nothing after omega.
				2. The Lord Jesus is all of everything.
	5. The Apostle John had been exiled to the island of Patmos for preaching the Gospel of Christ.
		1. It was the Alcatraz of that day.
		2. Revelation 1:9
	6. Revelation 1:9-13
		1. There on Patmos, Almighty God pulled back the veil and showed Jesus in His glory.
			1. When Jesus came to this Earth the first time, He came with His glory veiled.
				1. We could not have seen His glory and been able to withstand it.
				2. His very humanity veiled that glory that was inherently His.
	7. The Greek word for “the Revelation” is “the Apocalypse.”
		1. It simply means “an unveiling.”
	8. What the Apostle John is about to see is an unveiling of the Lord Jesus Christ.
		1. He is about to see the Lord Jesus, not as He was (walking in sandals by Galilee), but as He is (ruling and reigning).
	9. Revelation 1:9
		1. John said that he is our brother in tribulation.
			1. Not all saints will go through the Great Tribulation, but we will all go through tribulation.
				1. John 16:33
			2. In tribulation, it is always good to get a glimpse of the glory.
	10. The message today will share ten things about the Lord Jesus that will help us in our worship.
		1. Our worship is no better than our vision of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. he is the resurrected christ with undiminished humanity (revelation 1:12-13)
	1. Revelation 1:12-13
		1. This passage says that Jesus was “like unto the Son of man,” not the Son of God, though He is the Son of God.
	2. At this time, the Apostle John had not seen Jesus for about sixty to sixty-five years.
	3. When the Lord Jesus appears to John on the island of Patmos after He had already gone to Heaven, John sees Him still as a man.
		1. When Jesus Christ stepped out of Heaven and was born of a virgin in Bethlehem, He took upon Himself humanity.
		2. He still has that humanity today.
	4. When we get to Heaven, we will see in Heaven the man, Christ Jesus.
		1. He did not take human form only to be here on Earth and then lay it aside.
		2. We will see the nail prints in His hands.
		3. The Lord Jesus took our humanity and will forever be like us.
			1. When we see Him, we will forever be like Him.
3. the reigning christ with unrivaled majesty (revelation 1:13)
	1. Revelation 1:13
		1. This sash or robe that the Lord Jesus wears around His chest is the robe of a King and a Priest.
			1. He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords.
	2. He has an unrivaled majesty.
	3. He is not now, in this passage, pictured as the Savior but as the Sovereign.
		1. He is the reigning, ruling and regal Lord with the robes of regality around Him.
		2. He is our King-Priest.
	4. When He came to the Earth the first time, He came to a tree.
		1. When He comes again, He is coming to a throne.
	5. When He came the first time, He came to redeem.
		1. When He comes again, He will come to reign.
	6. When He came the first time, He came as a Savior.
		1. When He comes again, He is coming as the Sovereign.
	7. If you do not allow the Lord Jesus to be your Savior, then you will meet Him as your judge.
4. he is the righteous christ with undiminished purity (revelation 1:14)
	1. Revelation 1:14
		1. This speaks of His holiness and purity.
			1. The Lord Jesus has an unblemished purity.
		2. The whiteness of the snow represents purity.
	2. Isaiah 1:18
	3. If we think that He can accept us as we are without being born again, then we are grossly ignorant of two things:
		1. We don’t know how holy He is.
		2. We don’t know how sinful we are.
5. he is the revealing christ with unhindered scrutiny (revelation 1:14)
	1. Revelation 1:14
		1. “His eyes were as a flame of fire.”
			1. His vision not only sees us, but it also sees through us.
	2. Hebrews 4:13
	3. The Lord Jesus sees our hearts at this very moment.
	4. He knows what we’re thinking every second.
	5. He cannot be deceived, He cannot be disputed, and He cannot be discredited.
6. he is the relentless christ with untarnished integrity (revelation 1:15)
	1. Revelation 1:15
	2. In the Bible, brass is an emblem of judgment.
		1. In the outer court of the tabernacle where the sacrifices were made, those implements were made of brass.
		2. The fires of God’s judgment burned themselves out upon that sacrifice.
	3. His feet in this passage speak of His progress, His going forth.
		1. He is going forth to judge.
			1. He came the first time to save.
			2. When He comes again, He’s coming to trample out His enemies and His foes.
		2. He is unstoppable.
	4. Symbolically, this speaks of judgment.
		1. When our Lord Jesus comes the second time, He is coming to judge.
	5. Acts 17:30-31
	6. John 5:22
7. he is the regal christ with unchallenged authority (revelation 1:15)
	1. Revelation 1:15
		1. “His voice was as the sound of many waters.”
		2. This speaks of the majesty and the power of our Lord.
	2. Psalm 29:3-4
	3. John 5:28
	4. There will be no talking back.
		1. We will stand before Him in silence.
8. he is the regulating christ with unequaled mastery (revelation 1:16)
	1. Revelation 1:16
	2. He is holding seven stars in His right hand.
		1. Seven is the number of perfection.
		2. The stars speak of several things:
			1. They speak of all creation that He has in His right hand, as He is the one who regulates and rules the universe.
			2. They also have a deeper symbolic meaning.
				1. Revelation 1:20

Every one of the seven churches in the book of the Revelation had an angel.

The word “angel” means “messenger.”

This refers to the pastor.

* + - * 1. God keeps His messengers, those who are God-called.

This is another way of saying that it is His ministry, it is in His hands; He has everything under control.

* 1. He is the one who holds everything in His right hand.
1. he is the revenging christ with unspoiled victory (revelation 1:16)
	1. Revelation 1:16
		1. Out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword.
		2. This sword speaks of His Word.
	2. Hebrews 4:12
	3. The Lord Jesus that we read about in Revelation 1:3 and Revelation 1:7 is coming to take vengeance.
	4. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9
	5. Romans 12:19
		1. The weapon of vengeance is the sword that goes out of His mouth.
	6. Revelation 19:11-16
		1. This speaks of the Lord Jesus when He comes back to this Earth to rule and reign with Heaven’s armies.
		2. The white charger in this passage is a symbol of victory.
		3. The sword that comes out of His mouth (which is His Word) cuts both ways.
			1. It is a saver of life unto life or death unto death.
			2. If it does not bless you and save you, it will cut you and judge you.
				1. The Lord created everything with His words.

In the book of Genesis, He spoke and worlds sprang into space.

Genesis 1

Darkness fled, and life appeared.

* + 1. This passage in Revelation 19 is speaking about the Battle of Armageddon.
			1. The Beast, the Antichrist and all the armies of Hell will gather around Jerusalem to make war against God’s ancient people.
			2. When it looks like there is no hope, the Heavens will open, and the Lord Jesus will come.
				1. He will come this time, not for His saints, but with His saints.
			3. The Battle will be won with the sword that’s in His mouth.
				1. It will be won with His Word.
				2. The Lord Jesus who spoke them into existence will speak them into oblivion.
1. he is the resplendent christ with undimmed glory (revelation 1:16)
	1. Revelation 1:16
		1. “His countenance was as the sun that shineth in its strength.”
		2. This speaks of the glory and radiance of our Lord that will light all of Heaven for all eternity.
			1. It will be the light of the universes.
	2. 2 Corinthians 4:6
		1. We who are saved have the light of the knowledge of Christ, but we have never yet seen that glory.
	3. The light of Heaven is the face of Jesus Christ, brighter than the noonday sun.
2. he is the reassuring christ with undeniable deity (revelation 1:17-18)
	1. This is the one whom we worship.
	2. Revelation 1:17-18
		1. Anyone who comes before God irreverently has never seen this Christ.
		2. The Apostle John had laid his head upon Jesus’ chest when He was here as the Redeemer.
		3. When the Apostle John sees this Christ in glory, He falls at His feet like a dead man.
	3. This is the one who has the keys of death and Hell.
		1. When Jesus was nailed upon that cross, Death thought he had conquered.
			1. When the Lord Jesus died upon the cross, sighs and groans went throughout the sepulchers of the righteous dead.
		2. Jesus Christ met Death in Death’s own territory and permitted Himself to be taken captive by Death so that He might lead Death captive.
		3. When Jesus resurrected from the tomb, He pulled the sting out of Death, took the crown from Death, and Jesus became the death of Death.
		4. When the Lord Jesus comes again, this same Jesus who walked out of that grave will give a shout.
			1. And at His command, from the sea and from the land, the bodies of the saints will be raised.
	4. We often talk too casually about this one, our Savior.
		1. May God forgive our irreverence.
	5. When we truly see and worship the Lord Jesus as He is described in the book of the Revelation, it will do several things for us:
		1. It will bring us to full submission.
			1. When the Apostle John fell before Him prostrate, it meant that indeed He is Lord, not man.
			2. Have you surrendered everything, all you have, to the Lord Jesus?
		2. It will give you incredible reverence for Him.
		3. It will give you a great assurance.
			1. When the Apostle John was there on his face, the Lord Jesus told him not to be afraid.
				1. Revelation 1:17
	6. The fear of God is love on its knees.
		1. We must have that reverence, but we must never have that terror or fear before Him.
		2. The person who truly worships the Lord can’t really be afraid of anything else.
			1. When we truly see Him, it takes away fear.
3. CONCLUSION
	1. Revelation 1:19-20
		1. After that time of worship, the Lord Jesus gave the Apostle John a commission and told him what to do and how to write the book of the Revelation.
	2. We can do more than worship after we’ve worshipped, but we can really do no more than worship until we’ve worshipped.
	3. When we worship, there comes that submission.
		1. There comes that reverence, that assurance and that commission from our Lord to serve Him.
	4. If Jesus were to come today, would you be ready?
	5. If not, won’t you call on His name today?
	6. Pray to Him now and ask Him to come into your life.
	7. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
		1. Romans 3:23
		2. Romans 10:9-10
		3. Romans 10:13
		4. Acts 16:31
		5. John 3:16