The King Is Coming
Living Today in Light of Tomorrow

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Sermon 1

When Your Heart Is Troubled

Text: John 14:1–3

Introduction

Attention: What do you do when the future suddenly changes and everything familiar feels different and uncertain?

Need: When our hearts are troubled, we often seek security by trying to control our circumstances or depending upon other people rather than trusting Christ.

Big Idea: Trust Christ because He will bring you home.

Developmental Question: Why can you trust Christ with your troubled heart?

Key Word: Assurances

Outline

Transition to Main Point 1: When your heart is troubled, trust Christ because He will bring you home. Before considering the place He prepares or the return He promises, begin with who He is: Christ is worthy of your trust.

1. Christ is worthy of your trust (v. 1).

> **Rationale:** Jesus commands His disciples to trust Him just as they trust God. He makes that demand because He is God and He is worthy of the faith that belongs to God.

Transition to Main Point 2: Because Christ is worthy of your trust, your troubled heart can rest in Him. But Jesus gives His disciples more than a command to believe; He also gives them a promise: Christ is preparing your place.

2. Christ is preparing your place (v. 2).

> **Rationale:** Jesus describes heaven as His Father's house, a place of lasting security and belonging where His people will live because the Father and Son have promised it.

Transition to Main Point 3: Christ is worthy of your trust, and He is preparing your place. Yet our hope is greater than knowing that a heavenly home exists. Jesus makes the promise personal: Christ will return for you.

3. Christ will return for you (v. 3).

> **Rationale:** Jesus does not merely promise that heaven exists. He promises to return personally, receive His people to Himself, and bring them into permanent fellowship with Him.

Transition to the Action Point: Christ is worthy of your trust, He is preparing your place, and He will return for you. These assurances call us to answer fear with faith and live in anticipation of His return.

Action Point

Troubled hearts are part of living in a fallen world. Fear and anxiety often cause us to worry, search for other answers everywhere, and forget that Christ cares about both the great and small concerns of our lives. What is troubling your heart today? What fear are you carrying as though its outcome depends entirely upon you? Where are you seeking security instead of trusting Christ?

If you do not know Christ, this promise is not yet yours. Without Christ, there is no lasting hope; but through faith in Him, you can receive eternal life and the sure hope of being with Him. Trust Him today.

If you belong to Christ, you need not be ruled by anxiety. For the next seven days, read John 14:1–3 and 2 Corinthians 4:14–18. Write down one fear troubling you, and beneath it write one truth from these passages that reveals something about Christ and your future with Him. When that fear returns, answer it with His promise: “I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also” (John 14:3).

Concluding Prayer

Father, open our eyes to the truth of Your Word, the truth of who You are, and the promised return of our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us trust Christ when our hearts are troubled and remember that He is preparing a place for us. Teach us to live with confidence, knowing that He will come for us and that we will abide with Him forever. Amen.

Sermon 2

When the Dragon Attacks

Text: Revelation 12:1–17

Introduction

Attention: Have you ever felt that evil was taking over the world and that God's purposes were being defeated?

Need: Satan's opposition, accusations, and attacks can lead believers to fear, shame, silence, and despair.

Big Idea: Stand faithful because Satan cannot defeat God's redemptive plan.

Developmental Question: How should you respond when Satan opposes God's plan?

Key Word: Responses

Outline

Transition to Main Point 1: Satan is powerful, but he cannot defeat God's redemptive plan. Therefore, when the dragon opposes what God has determined, trust God's plan when Satan opposes it.

1. Trust God's plan when Satan opposes it (vv. 1–6).

> **Rationale:** The woman gives birth to the Messiah and is later persecuted by the dragon. She represents Israel, through whom Christ came and whom God preserves during Satan's attacks. Satan's opposition cannot overturn God's redemptive purpose

Transition to Main Point 2: Satan opposed God's plan, but he could not destroy the Messiah or prevent Christ's victory. Having failed to defeat God's plan, he turns to accusing God's people. Therefore, stand in Christ when Satan accuses you.

2. Stand in Christ when Satan accuses you (vv. 7–12).

> **Rationale:** Satan is cast down, and believers overcome his accusations through the blood of the Lamb, the word of their testimony, and faithfulness even unto death.

Transition to Main Point 3: We stand against Satan's accusations because the blood of Christ has secured our victory. Yet the defeated accuser remains a dangerous enemy who attacks God's people. Therefore, depend on God when Satan attacks you.

3. Depend on God when Satan attacks you (vv. 13–17).

> **Rationale:** The dragon's persecution is fierce, but God provides protection and limits Satan's reach. God remains sovereign when His people are attacked.

Transition to the Action Point: Trust God's plan, stand in Christ, and depend upon God's protection. Satan may oppose, accuse, and attack, but he cannot defeat God's redemptive purpose. We must live and speak as people who overcome through the blood of the Lamb.

Action Point

Satan commonly tells believers, "You are not worthy. Your sin is too great. God cannot use you." He tempts us to seek relief apart from God and then accuses us when we fall. Some accusations may remind us of real sins that must be confessed, but Satan uses them to produce shame, silence, and despair. Christ calls us to repentance and restoration; Satan seeks condemnation and defeat.

What accusation are you presently believing? Has Satan convinced you that your past defines you more completely than Christ's cross? Is there a current sin that you need to confess and forsake? Has shame caused you to remain silent about Christ?

This week, write down one accusation that repeatedly troubles you. Beneath it, write Revelation 12:11: "They have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." If the accusation identifies genuine sin, confess that sin to God and take a concrete step away from it. Then write one truth about what Christ accomplished for you through His blood. Read that truth aloud each morning and praise God for His forgiveness and transforming grace.

Finally, identify one person outside the church with whom you can share what Christ has done for you. Pray for that person, begin the conversation, and speak honestly about the hope you have in Christ. Remember who He is, remember whose you are, and then tell someone.

Concluding Prayer

Father, help us walk with You each day and know You better in every aspect of our lives. Open our eyes to see where You are at work. Help us reject Satan's accusations, rest in the blood of the Lamb, and live as those made new in Christ. Give us courage to speak of what You have done and to join You faithfully in Your work. Amen.

Sermon 3

The King Will Win

Text: Revelation 19:1–21

Introduction

Attention: When we see injustice prospering, we may wonder whether anyone can ever make things right.

Need: Believers can become discouraged by visible evil and begin living as though Christ's return were uncertain or unimportant.

Big Idea: Rejoice and prepare because Jesus returns as the conquering King.

Developmental Question: How should you respond to Christ's promised return?

Key Word: Responses

Outline

Transition to Main Point 1: Christ's return should produce more than curiosity about future events. It should change how we respond to the world around us. Rejoice because God judges evil justly.

1. Rejoice because God judges evil justly (vv. 1–6).

Rationale: Heaven praises God because His judgments are true and just and because He avenges the blood of His servants. Evil will not have the final word.

Transition to Main Point 2: We rejoice because God's judgment assures us that visible evil will not have the final word. But Christ's return brings more than judgment upon His enemies; it brings joy to His bride. Therefore, prepare because the Lamb's wedding is coming.

2. Prepare because the Lamb's wedding is coming (vv. 7–10).

Rationale: The bride's fine linen represents the righteous deeds God grants to His people. God's grace produces the faithful obedience appropriate for those awaiting the Lamb.

Transition to Main Point 3: The bride prepares through faithful obedience that flows from God's grace. Yet our attention must move from the bride to the Bridegroom. As heaven opens and Christ appears, worship because Christ returns as conquering King.

3. Worship because Christ returns as conquering King (vv. 11–16).

Rationale: Christ's names, appearance, and actions reveal His faithfulness, justice, authority, and sovereign rule as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Transition to Main Point 4: Christ returns as Faithful and True, the Word of God, King of kings, and Lord of lords. Because no opposing power can withstand Him, submit because Christ defeats every enemy.

4. Submit because Christ defeats every enemy (vv. 17–21).

Rationale: The beast and false prophet are cast into the lake of fire, and the opposing armies are destroyed. No power can withstand Christ's final victory.

Transition to the Action Point: Rejoice in God's justice, prepare through faithfulness, worship Christ alone, and submit to His authority. Rejoice and prepare because Jesus returns as the conquering King.

Action Point

We often find it difficult to rejoice in God's justice because we build our lives around what we can presently see. Evil appears successful, faithful obedience can go unnoticed, and Christ's return can feel distant. Yet Scripture directs our attention toward what is unseen and eternal: "For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal" (2 Cor. 4:18).

What presently receives your greatest attention and devotion? Is there a person, possession, sport, achievement, or desire that produces more awe in you than Christ? Is there an area in which you know Christ's will but continue to resist His authority? Preparation for Christ's return is not speculation about dates. It is knowing Him through His Word, prayer, and fellowship, and then walking faithfully in what He has revealed. Jesus said, "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them" (John 13:17).

Use Revelation 19 as a four-day spiritual examination this week:

1. Read verses 1–6. Name one visible injustice that troubles you, and praise God that His judgments are true and just.
2. Read verses 7–10. Identify one truth or command from Scripture that you already know but have delayed obeying. Take one concrete step of obedience that day.
3. Read verses 11–16. Write down Christ's names and descriptions. Praise Him for who He is, and identify anything competing for the worship that belongs to Him.
4. Read verses 17–21. Name one area in which you resist Christ's authority. Confess that resistance and submit that area to Him through a measurable change.

If you do not know Christ, Revelation 19 should cause you to stop and consider where you stand before the returning King. The passage offers certain hope to those who belong to Christ but certain judgment to those who remain opposed to Him. Do not assume that morality, religious activity, or church attendance prepares you for His return. Receive Christ and the salvation God offers through Him. As John 3:16–18 explains, the one who believes in the Son is not condemned, but the one who does not believe is condemned already.

Concluding Prayer

Father, thank You for the hope we have in Christ and for the certainty of His return. Help us live with joy because Jesus is Faithful and True, the King of kings and Lord of lords, and He is coming again. Show us where our worship and obedience have been divided, and help us submit every part of our lives to Christ. Open the eyes of those who do not know You, draw them to Christ, and lead them to receive Your gift of salvation today. Amen.

Sermon 4

The Final Verdict

Text: Revelation 20:1–15

Introduction

Attention: Can better circumstances, stronger government, or greater prosperity change the human heart?

Need: We often place our hope in improved conditions while forgetting that sin requires an inward transformation and that final judgment is certain.

Big Idea: Live faithfully because Christ's victory and final judgment are certain.

Developmental Question: What certainties should shape how you live?

Key Word: Certainties

Outline

Transition to Main Point 1: Live faithfully because Christ's victory and final judgment are certain. What certainties should shape how you live? First, trust God because Satan's power will be restrained.

1. Trust God because Satan's power will be restrained (vv. 1–3).

Rationale: An angel binds Satan and prevents him from deceiving the nations during the thousand years. Satan is powerful, but his activity remains subject to God's authority.

Transition to Main Point 2: Trust God because Satan's power will be restrained. Yet Christ will do more than stop His enemy; He will honor those who belong to Him. Therefore, rejoice because Christ's saints will reign with Him.

2. Rejoice because Christ's saints will reign with Him (vv. 4–6).

Rationale: Those who share in the first resurrection are blessed, protected from the second death, and appointed to serve as priests and reign with Christ.

Transition to Main Point 3: Christ's saints will reign with Him, but unredeemed hearts will still rebel when Satan is released. Nevertheless, the outcome is certain: stand firm because Satan's rebellion will finally fail.

3. Stand firm because Satan's rebellion will finally fail (vv. 7–10).

Rationale: Satan's final deception gathers a vast rebellion, but God destroys it decisively and casts Satan into the lake of fire forever.

Transition to Main Point 4: Satan's rebellion will finally fail, but Satan will not be the only one judged. Scripture gives us one final certainty: warn others because unbelievers will face final judgment.

4. Warn others because unbelievers will face final judgment (vv. 11–15).

Rationale: The dead are judged according to their works, displaying the justice of God's verdict. Anyone absent from the book of life is cast into the lake of fire.

Transition to the Action Point: Trust God, rejoice in Christ's coming reign, stand firm, and warn others. Live faithfully because Christ's victory and final judgment are certain.

Action Point

Satan is powerful, but he is not sovereign. God remains in control even when our circumstances appear otherwise. Improved circumstances, additional money, greater security, or better government cannot save or transform the human heart. Christ alone saves, and only He can provide lasting hope.

This week, ask God to reveal one area of your life in which you are not living under Christ's authority. Write that area down. Read Revelation 20:1–15 and James 5:16, confess any specific sin to God, and determine one measurable act of obedience. If the struggle involves another person or a recurring pattern, confess it to a trusted mature believer and ask that person to pray for you and contact you during the week. Do not merely intend to change; identify what you will do, when you will do it, and who will help hold you accountable.

If you do not know Christ, do not assume that good intentions or good works will prepare you for final judgment. Your works cannot erase your sin. Receive Christ now by trusting in His death and resurrection. Jesus promised that whoever hears His word and believes the One who sent Him "has eternal life" and "does not come into judgment" (John 5:24).

Concluding Prayer

Father, thank You that You are all-powerful, all-knowing, and present everywhere. Thank You that nothing enters our lives apart from Your knowledge and permission. Help us live faithfully under Christ's authority, confess our sins, and obey what You have revealed. Give us courage to warn those who remain outside Christ, and draw them to Your Son while the invitation of salvation remains open. Amen.

Sermon 5

Home at Last

Text: Revelation 21:1–27

Introduction

Attention: What do you picture when you hear the word home—a place, a person, security, or belonging?

Need: We often treat temporary homes, possessions, bodies, and comforts as permanent while carrying sorrows that this world cannot remove.

Big Idea: Live with hope because God will dwell with you forever.

Developmental Question: How should you respond to the home God has promised?

Key Word: Responses

Outline

Transition to Main Point 1: Our present world contains death, grief, and pain, but it will not always remain this way. Live with hope because God will dwell with you forever. First, hope because God will make everything new.

1. Hope because God will make everything new (vv. 1–8).

Rationale: God will replace the fallen order, remove every consequence of sin, and give His children their promised inheritance. Present suffering is real, but it is not permanent.

Transition to Main Point 2: God will make everything new and remove every consequence of sin. Yet our eternal hope is not merely freedom from suffering; it is belonging to God and His people. Therefore, remember your place among God's redeemed people.

2. Remember your place among God's redeemed people (vv. 9–14).

Rationale: The tribes on the gates and apostles on the foundations display God's completed redemptive work. Believers belong to a redeemed community, not merely an individual heavenly existence.

Transition to Main Point 3: The gates and foundations remind us that we belong within God's completed work of redemption. John next moves from the city's identity to its incomparable splendor: marvel at the glory of your eternal home.

3. Marvel at the glory of your eternal home (vv. 15–21).

Rationale: The city's extraordinary size, perfection, gold, pearls, and precious stones reflect the incomparable glory of its Creator.

Transition to Main Point 4: The city surpasses anything we have seen, but its gold and precious stones are not its greatest treasure. Its greatest glory is God Himself. Therefore, rejoice because God will dwell with you forever.

4. Rejoice because God will dwell with you forever (vv. 22–27).

> **Rationale:** The greatest blessing of eternity is not the city's beauty or freedom from suffering, but the immediate, holy, and permanent presence of God and the Lamb.

Transition to the Action Point: God will make everything new, gather His redeemed people, fill their home with glory, and dwell with them forever. Therefore, live with hope because God will dwell with you forever. This is the home we began with in our first message in John 14. Christ fulfills what He promises.

Action Point

Many people carry deep sorrow caused by death, broken relationships, physical weakness, anxiety, or concern for children who have lost hope. Revelation 21 does not ask us to pretend these sorrows do not hurt. We are called to "weep with those who weep" (Rom. 12:15). Yet we grieve with the assurance that pain and death will not have the final word. God will wipe away every tear and make everything new.

This week, write down one present sorrow that most often weakens your hope. Read Revelation 21:3–5 each morning and name that sorrow honestly before God. Then write beneath it: "This pain is real, but it is not permanent. God remains sovereign, and He will make everything new."

Next, identify one suffering person in your family, church, or neighborhood. Call, visit, or share a meal with that person. Listen before speaking, weep if it is time to weep, and remind that person that he or she does not have to carry the sorrow alone.

If a child, teenager, or adult talks about suicide or having no reason to live, take those words seriously. Remain with the person, ask directly whether the person is considering self-harm, and immediately involve family members, pastoral leadership, and qualified emergency or mental-health assistance. Christian hope moves us toward suffering people, not away from them.

Examine your own priorities as well. Ask yourself: Am I treating my house, possessions, health, or comfort as my permanent home? Am I living consciously in Christ's presence? Does my conduct help others see His light? Choose one possession, habit, or priority that has weakened your eternal perspective. Take one measurable step this week to place it under Christ's authority and let your light shine before others (Matt. 5:16).

If you do not know Christ, do not read verses 8 and 27 merely as descriptions of people worse than you. Nothing unclean can enter God's holy city, and none of us can make ourselves clean. Turn to Christ, who died for sinners and rose again. Trust Him to forgive you, make you new, and give you eternal life.

Concluding Prayer

Father, thank You for the purposes You established in eternity past—for our salvation, for Your sovereign care throughout our lives, and for the eternity You have prepared for Your people. Help us weep with those who weep, live as citizens of our eternal home, and shine Christ's light before those around us. Fix our hope upon the day when You will wipe away every tear and make everything new. Praise Your holy name. Amen.

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