

Revelation - Commentaries by Favell Lee Bevan Mortimer

Peep of Day, Lesson 53: The Judgement Day (20:11-15)

1 Thess. 4:15-17, Rev. 20:11-15

You know that Jesus will come again in the clouds? Children, do you know when He will come? Shall I tell you when Jesus will come?

You would like to know, but I cannot tell you when He will come because I do not know. The angels do not know what day it will be. No one knows but God.¹ There will be many wicked people in the world then, and some good people.² An angel will blow a great trumpet, and Jesus will say to the people who are dead, 'Come out of your graves!'

The bodies of all the dead people will come out of their graves.³ Those who love Christ will be like the angels and will fly up into the air. Those who love God and are alive when Jesus comes, He will take up into the air to meet Him. As soon as they see Jesus, they will be like Him, all shining and glorious.

Jesus will sit upon a white throne, and everybody will stand round His throne. He will open some books, in which He has written down all the things that everybody has done. God has seen all the bad things you have done. He can see in the dark as well as in the light, and He knows all your sinful thoughts.

He will read out of His books all the bad things that those people have done who do not love God, and the angels too will be standing round the throne to hear. Yet God will forgive many people because Christ died on the cross.

Who will He forgive?

He will forgive those who love Jesus with all their hearts. He has written down their names in another book, called 'The Book of Life.' He forgives their sins, He will wipe away their tears and He will let them live with Him forever.

Do you hope that Jesus has written down your name in His book?

So you must ask Him to give you His Holy Spirit. Then you will love Jesus, and you will hate to do what is wrong.

But what will God do to those who do not love Him? God will bind them in chains, and put them in a lake of fire. There they will gnash their teeth and weep and wail forever.

God will put Satan in the same place, and all the devils. Satan is the father of the wicked, and he and his children shall be tormented forever. They shall not have one drop of water to cool their burning tongues.

Many people in hell will say, 'How I wish I had listened to what I learned from the Bible! But I would not think about them. Now it is too late. I never can come out of this dreadful place. How foolish I have been! There was a time when God would have heard my prayers, but now I weep and wail in vain.'

I hope, my dear children, that none of you will ever speak such sad words. Remember that Satan goes about as a cunning serpent, trying to make you disobey God. But Christ will keep you from wickedness if you pray to Him.

One day God will burn up this world we live in. It is dreadful to see a house on fire. Did you ever see one? But how dreadful it will be to see this great world and all the houses and trees burning! The noise will be terrible. The heat will be very great. ⁴The wicked will not be able to get away. They will be cast into the lake of fire⁵ If you are God's child, you will not be frightened when the world is burning. You will be safe with Jesus, praising Him for having loved you and saved you.⁶

Questions

When will the last day come?

What great noise will there be at the last day?

What will Jesus say to all the dead people?

What will be done to the bodies of people who love Jesus?

Where will Jesus sit?

What has Jesus written down in His books?

Whose sins will Jesus forgive?

Where has He written down their names?

Where will God put the wicked?

Who will torment them forever?

The happiness of heaven

A verse from the Bible for you to learn:

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain. Rev. 21:4.

Peep of Day, Lesson 52: John (4:1-5)

Rev. 1:9-19; 4:1-5; 22

ALMOST all the twelve disciples were killed by wicked men. When Peter was old, some wicked men crucified him because he loved Jesus. Now he is in heaven with Jesus, clothed in a white robe, and all his tears wiped away. His dear Lord Jesus is always near him, and this makes Peter happy.

John lived till he was very, very old indeed. A wicked king caught him and put him on an island far away from his friends. There was water all around, so he could not get away.

Was John unhappy there?

No. God was with him, and John loved to think of the Father and of His Son Jesus.

It was the Lord's Day, and John was thinking about God. John heard a voice behind him like the noise of a trumpet, very loud indeed.

He turned around to see who it was. Who do you think he saw?

It was the Lord Jesus come down from the heaven, all glorious and shining! When John saw Him, he could not speak or stand. John was afraid, and he fell down on the ground as if he was dead. But Jesus touched him with His hand and said, 'Fear not; I am He that liveth and was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore.' Then Jesus took John up into heaven, and an angel showed him most beautiful things.

John saw a throne on which God sat. There was a rainbow round the throne. There were many, many seats there. Men were sitting on them, all clothed in white, with crowns of gold on their heads. The men took off their crowns and threw them down before the throne and praised Jesus, the Lamb of God.

John saw many angels, more than he could count, standing round the throne, singing praises to the Lamb. But of all the things John saw in heaven, there was nothing so glorious as God himself.

In heaven there is no sun or moon or candle or lamp. Yet it is always bright, because God shines more brightly than the sun. The music of harps and sweet singing is always to be heard, for all the angels can sing the praises of God.

John wondered at the things he saw and heard, and he fell down at the feet of the angel who had shown them to him. But the angel said, 'You must not worship me; I am only a servant of God. You must worship God.'

Then the angel went on speaking and said, 'Jesus will soon come down from heaven to judge the world. He will open the gates of heaven to let those people in who love God's Word. But those who tell lies, and do wicked things, shall be shut out.' All the people who love Jesus will see Him come again in the clouds.

Do you wish to see Jesus, my little children?

Then you may answer, 'Even so, come Lord Jesus.' And I hope that when you die your spirit will go to Jesus, and that when Jesus comes again, He will bring you with Him.

John wrote down in a book the things he saw in heaven. All that John wrote is in the Bible.

At last John died, and his soul went to God. He is with Jesus now in heaven. He is now playing on a golden harp and singing with the angels. But, when Jesus comes again in the clouds, John will come with Him.¹

Questions

Where was John shut up alone?

Who came to see John when he was alone?

What did Jesus show him?

Who did he see sitting round God's throne?

How many angels did he see?

What makes heaven always light?

When John fell down at the angel's feet, what did the angel say?

What will Jesus do when He comes again?

Who wrote down in a book about heaven and the angels?

Christ shall come again:

A verse from the Bible for you to learn:

Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him. Rev. 1:7.

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