

your very life, because you are constantly figuring, We don't know when He's coming. When He comes may He find us watching. May he find us on the job. May He find us giving His people the food ^{their} in due season and serving Him. It is stressed over and over in the NT, every NT writer refers to it at some place or other and when we get to the end of the NT in the book of Rev. we find in Rev. 22, the last 4 vs., -- I'll read the first three of the last four verses of the Bible, of the Book of Rev. We find there that John said, "For I testify to every man that hears the words of the prophecy of this book; if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life and out of the holycity, and from the things which are written in this book. He which testifies these things says, Surely I come quickly, Amen. Even so come Lord Jesus."

So the very last prayer in the Bible is a prayer that our Lord Jesus Christ may hasten the time of His coming. I've known people, who it seems to me might as well take the Book of Rev. and throw it in the garbage pail from the attitude they take. Well they say that's a symbolic book. Everything in it is symbol. If everything in it is symbol nobody knows what any of it means. Well if that's the case, why did John speak so strongly about ~~the~~/ what ~~it~~ happens if anyone takes away from the words of this book. I don't say we understand everything in Rev., I confess there is much in it I do not understand. There are many things in it I'm not at all sure what they mean. But there are many things in the Bk. of Rev. that are absolutely clear, and I think that the curse that John expressed here comes upon those who take what is absolutely clear in the Bk. of Rev. and disregard it or try to explain it away. "Even so come, Lord Jesus."

The return of Christ, then. as presented in the NT is something that is very important to the heart of the Christian and all true Christians believe in it though some give it comparatively little emphasis.

Now we find that there are many views about various details of the return of Christ, but that these views are generally put under three general categories. That is views held