



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: I Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NAS)

“The Hope Of His Coming”

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- 13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.
- 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.
- 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.
- 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
- 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.
- 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

### **I. A NEW REVELATION**

- A. Not The Death Or Resurrection Of Christ *Acts 17:1-4*
- B. Not Christ's Second Coming *Matthew 25:1-3*
- C. What Happens To Those Who Died In The Lord? *I Corinthians 15:51-52*

### **II. NO ADVANTAGE FOR LIVING OVER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

- A. The Soul Of Those Who Have Died Is With The Lord *Philippians 1:21-22*
- B. They Will Come With Christ At His Coming

### **III. THE LORD WILL DESCEND**

- A. Similar To His Departure *Acts 1:9-11*
  1. He will come as the God-Man *I Timothy 2:5; John 1:14*
- B. Now He Is On His Throne *I Corinthians 15:25; Revelations 11:15*
- C. Death Is The Last Enemy *I Corinthians 15:52-57*

### **IV. THE TRIAD OF ACCOMPANIMENT AT CHRIST'S RETURN**

- A. A Shout
  1. A shout of excitement
  2. A voice announcing His coming (perhaps similar to Transfiguration)
  3. Perhaps this is a reference to John 5:28-29
- B. Voice Of The Archangel
  1. Jude references Michael, the archangel
  2. Archangel – at the top of angelic hierarchy
  3. Angels serve the elect *Hebrews 1:14*
  4. Perhaps the call is to gather the elect *Matthew 24:31*
- C. Trumpet Of God
  1. Heard at special manifestations of God *Exodus 19:16; Psalm 47:5*
  2. Used to gather the people of God *Numbers 10:2; I Corinthians 15:52; Matthew 24:4*

### **V. WHAT IS THE COMFORT IN THESE MANIFESTATIONS?**

- A. Denies False Claims Of Christ's Coming *Matthew 24:4, 11, 25-27*
- B. Comfort IN Calling Together The Dead And The Living Saints *I Corinthians 15:52-53*
- C. Comfort In Being With The Lord In The Clouds *Acts 1:9; Matthew 24:30*

### **VI. CHRIST'S DESIRE IS FULFILLED **John 17:24****