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"The Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with Thee."—Zech. 14. 5.

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The compiler of the following scriptures has purposely left unmarked the distinction between the Lord's Coming for His saints and His Appearing with them.

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Matthew 24. 42.

At midnight there was a crymade, Behold, the Bridegroom. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour. Matthew 25.

Watch ye therefore; for ye know not when the Master of the house

cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch. Mark 13. 35-37.

Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord. Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching. Luke 12. 34–37.

Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. Luke 12. 40.

Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Luke 12. 42, 43.

Whosoever liveth* and believeth in Me shall never die. Jo. xi.

I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. John 14.

While they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven. Acts i. 9, 10, 11.

^{*} Those believers who are alive when the Lord comes will never die.

We ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

Rom. S. 23.

Waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come.

1 Cor. xi. 26.

Behold, I show you a mystery; We, shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1 Cor. 15. 51-53.

We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be · clothed upon with our house which is from heaven... For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. 2 Cor. 5.

Our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body. Phil. 3.

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. Colossians 3. 4.

Ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come. 1 Thessalonians i. 9, 10.

What is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? 1 Thessalonians 2. 19.

The Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all, even as we do toward you: to the end He may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. 1 Thessalonians 3. 12, 13.

We which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4.

The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5. 23.

To you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall

be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels. 2 Thess. i.

O man of God . . . follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. . . I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; that thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Timothy 6. 11-14.

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing. 2 Timothy 4. 8.

The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Titus 2. 11-14. Unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time, without sin, unto salvation. Heb. 9. Yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Hebrews 10. 37. Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. James 5.

Stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. James 5. 8.

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter i. 7.

Hope perfectly* for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter i. 13. * See Margin.

Feed the flock of God... and when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. 1 Peter 5. 2-4.

There shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of **His coming?** for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. . . . But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night. 2 Peter 3. 3, 4.

And now, little children, abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. 1 John 2. 28.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when **He shall appear**, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure. 1 John 3. 2, 3.

Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Rev. i. 7.

Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Revelation 3. 11.

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. Rev. 22.

Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be. Revelation 22. 12.

Surely I come quickly; Amen. Evenso, come, Lord Jesus. Rev. 22.

The compiling of the foregoing Scriptures were suggested by the advertisement of a five shilling volume, written to prove that the Lord Jesus Christ will never return from heaven in person. Acts i. 11.

THAT BLESSED HOPE.

WE give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints, for THE HOPE which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel.... Giving thanks unto the Father, Who HATH MADE US MEET to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who HATH delivered us from the power of darkness, AND HATH translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son: in Whom WE HAVE redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians i. 5.

A WORD FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO HOPE.

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