

Household of Faith fidelity

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." - Galatians 6:10

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The Soon Return of Christ

No one will doubt that we live in what the Bible refers to as "the last days". Hebrews 1:2 tells us that *'at the end of these days spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds.'*

We need to be aware that the Bible's final word on His return in Revelation 22:20 is that Jesus will return quickly - *'He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.'*

As important and urgent as Jesus' return is, Mark 13:4-5 underscores the danger of being misled. *'Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled? And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you.'*

The purpose of this article is to point us to the fountain source, the Bible, for the definitive 4 W's and 1 H on this subject.

1. Who is coming?

It is obvious since the subject of this article is on the return of Jesus, the person who is coming is Jesus Christ. Mark 14:62 *Jesus said, 'I AM. You will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of the sky.'*

Although Jesus will be returning, He will not be coming for the same reason as when He first came. In the first coming of Jesus, Matthew 20:28 tells us that His mission was *'not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'*

Romans 2:16 reveals that at Jesus second coming, He will be returning not as a Saviour, when 'on the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.'

2. Where is Jesus coming?

He will be coming to this World. Acts 17:31 tells us Acts 17:31 *'because he has appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he has ordained; of which he has given assurance to all men, in that he has raised him from the dead.'*

Certainly, we understand that Jesus is returning to punish the wicked. Revelation 6:10 tells us that *'they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, Master, the holy and true, until you judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"'*

Also, Jesus is coming for the church, both to reward as well as to judge us. 1 Peter 4:17 declares, *'For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?'*

3. When is Jesus coming?

This is the most discussed area of interest. Despite clear Bible teachings on this subject, many have



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predicted actual dates of the return of Jesus.

Christ will return when the gospel is preached throughout the world. Matthew 24:14 teaches, *'And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations; and then shall the end come.'*

It will be during the last days as recorded in 2 Peter 3:3-4 - *'Knowing this first, that 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.'*

The bottom line to the date of the return of Jesus is that no one knows the exact date. It will be unexpectedly, like a thief in the night as revealed in 1 Thessalonians 5:2 - *'for yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so come as a thief in the night.'*

4. Why is Jesus coming?

When Jesus returns, it will be a glorious day for Christians because Jesus will fulfil His promise in John 14:3 to receive us to heaven - *'And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.'*

Jesus is returning to judge the world. According to 2 Timothy 4:1, the apostle Paul declares, *'I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom.'*

5. How is Jesus coming?

When Jesus returns, nobody will miss it. Mark 13:21 tells us *'if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not'*.

It will be a noisy affair when Jesus returns. 1 Thessalonians 4:16 declares *'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'*.

Revelation 1:7 confirms this, saying *'behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him'*.

Conclusion

The most important detail of the return of Jesus is our response to His advent - how to prepare for Jesus' Return. The Bible is clear on this matter and we would do well to take note.

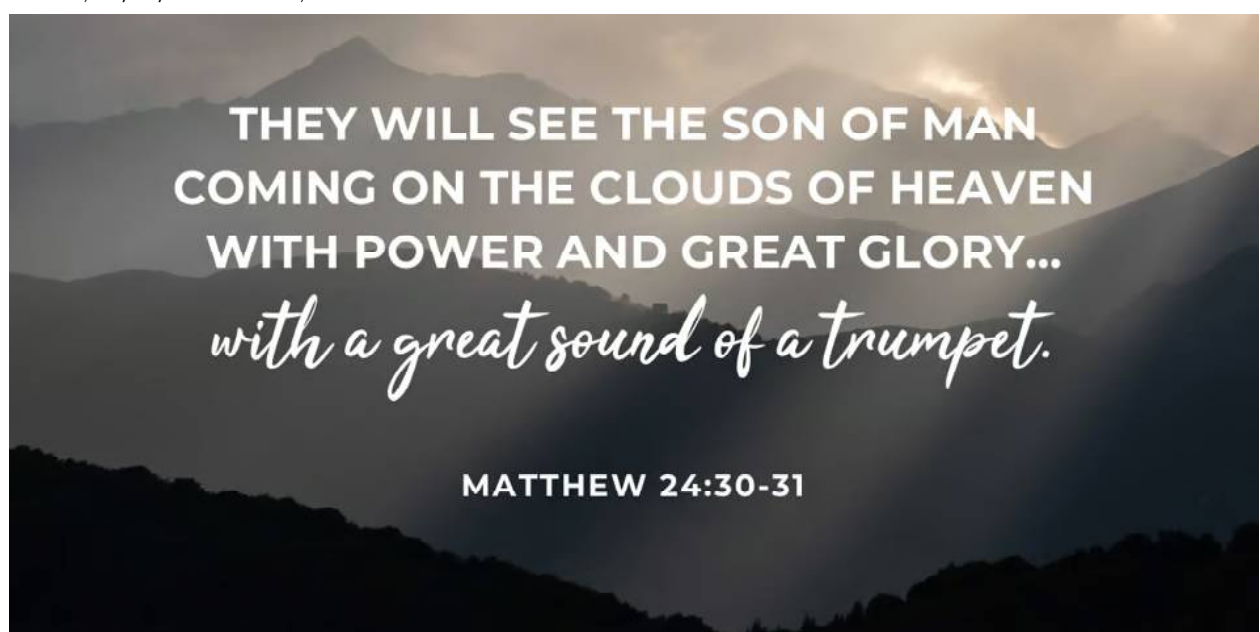
First, we need to live holy and godly lives according to 2 Peter 3:11 - *'seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness'*.

Then, we need to remain in our relationship with Him. 1 John 2:28 puts it this way, *'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.'*

As the return of Jesus signals the end of our opportunities to serve God, let us heed the admonishment of John 9:4 - *'I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.'*

May all of us at the Household of Faith pray ceaselessly for our family and friends who are out of Christ. The Lord will put a passionate in our hearts to connect and touch them with the love of Jesus.

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#10 Jesus' bones were not broken

he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken. -Psalm 34:20 (Old Testament)

But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. - John 19:33-34



Clockwise: Mark exhorting the congregation on "the Man on the Cross"; Care teams in progress; Brothers enjoying good food and fellowship; Thanks to Phai for Thai Porridge, Elaine for fried greens, salted eggs & pastries.

No birthdays for the month of May.



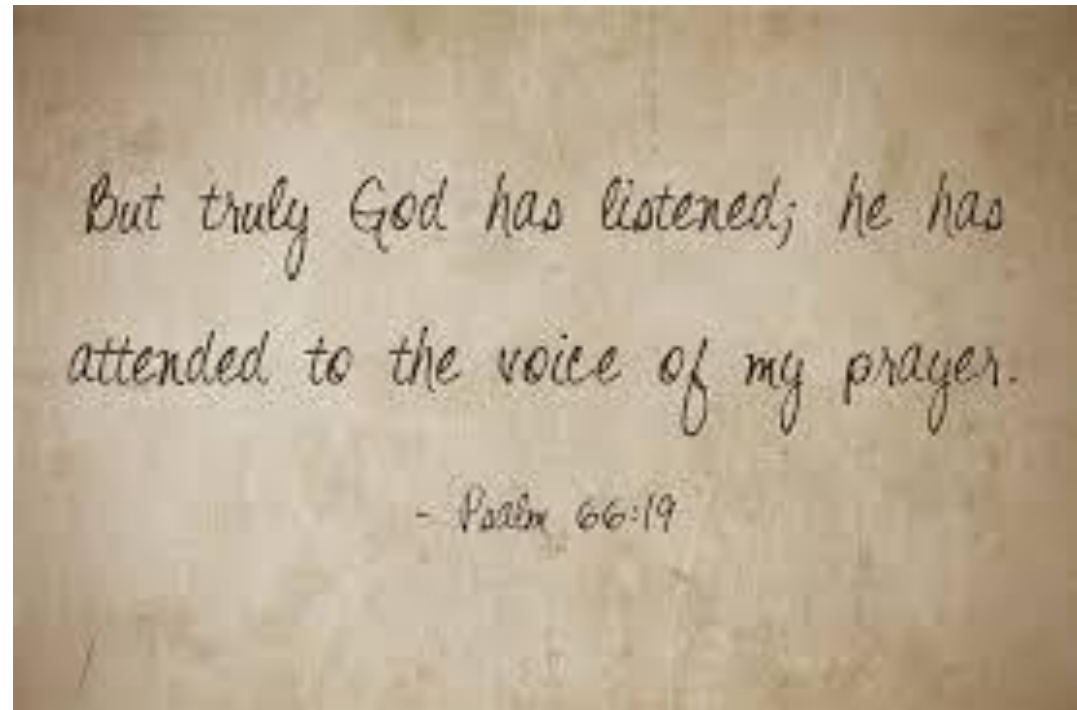
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The world is in a difficult situation.

Singapore is facing some serious problems.

Perhaps some at HoF is not doing well.

What is there to do?





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We can compare God's willingness to answer, to a parent responding to a child's requests. Luke 11:13 *If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"*

There is no unanswered prayers. 3 ways that God answers:

1. Yes
2. Wait
3. No

Example of Paul – 2 Corinthians 12:8
Concerning this thing, I begged the Lord three times that it might depart from me.



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Many people resort to prayers especially in times of crisis, such as serious trouble or terminal illness

Some do not even believe in God nor have they stepped in a church building

Some people have never made a habit of praying, and expect God to answer

So many prayers go astray – like filling up a form wrongly

Let us turn to the Bible to examine what it says



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James 4:3 *You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.*

Matthew 6:7 *And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.*

Psalms 66:18 *If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.*

Isaiah 59:2 *But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.*

James 1:6 *But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind*



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1. Abide in Christ

John 15:7 *If you **abide in me**, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*

John 15:16 *You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that **your fruit should abide**, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.*

James 5:16 *Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The **prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.***

1 John 3:22 *And whatever we ask we receive from him, **because we keep his commandments** and do what pleases him.*



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HOW TO PITCH YOUR PRAYER

2. Ask in Faith

Hebrews 11:6 *And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.*

Matthew 21:22 *And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.*

Hebrews 4:16 *Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Mark 11:24 *Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*



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3. Call on the Lord

Who do you call?

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 *Pray without ceasing, **give thanks in all circumstances**; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

Matthew 7:7 *Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.*

Jeremiah 33:3 ***Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.***

Be a prayer warrior – Keep a prayer journal



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4. Repent of Wrongdoing

2 Chronicles 7:14 *If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and **turn from their wicked ways**, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

Proverbs 28:9 *If one turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination.*

John 9:31 *We know that **God does not listen to sinners**, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him.*



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Stay faithful - John 16:23-24 *Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. **Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.***

Keep asking - Philippians 4:6-7 *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.***

Continue asking - 1 Peter 5:7 ***Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.***