

為着主的來臨將自己豫備好

第一篇

藉着愛主的顯現並且不愛現今的世代，
而為着主的來臨將自己豫備好

詩歌：

讀經：提後四 8, 10, 18, 羅十二 2, 約壹二 15, 五 19 下, 啓十七 14, 二二 20

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羅 12:2 不要模倣這世代，反要藉着心思的更新而變化，叫你們驗證何為神那美好、可喜悅、並純全的旨意。

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啓 22:20 見證這些事的說，是的，我必快來！阿們。主耶穌阿，我願你來！

**壹 我們若是寶貴主的再來，就必愛祂的顯現——
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Making Ourselves Ready For The Lord's Coming

Message One

**Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming by
Loving His Appearing and Not Loving the Present Age**

Hymns:

Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 4:8, 10, 18; Rom. 12:2; 1 John 2:15; 5:19b; Rev. 17:14; 22:20

2 Tim. 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, with which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will recompense me in that day, and not only me but also all those who have loved His appearing.

2 Tim. 4:10 For Demas has abandoned me, having loved the present age, and has gone to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia; Titus to Dalmatia.

2 Tim. 4:18 The Lord will deliver me from every evil work and will save me into His heavenly kingdom, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Rom. 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

1 John 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him;

1 John 5:19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the evil one.

Rev. 17:14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and they who are with Him, the called and chosen and faithful, will also overcome them.

Rev. 22:20 He who testifies these things says, Yes, I come quickly. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

I. If the Lord's second coming is precious to us, we will love His appearing—2 Tim. 4:8:

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一愛主的顯現和愛主自己是分不開的—林前二9，提後四8。

林前 2:9 只是如經上所記：『神為愛祂的人所豫備的，是眼睛未曾看見，耳朵未曾聽見，人心也未曾想到的。』

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二我們若等候主的來臨，就應當是那些愛祂顯現的人—帖前一10，提後四8。

帖前 1:10 並且等候祂的兒子從諸天降臨，就是祂從死人中所復活，那拯救我們脫離要來忿怒的耶穌。

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三主的顯現，主的回來，對我們乃是警告、鼓勵和激勵—1，18節：

提後 4:1 我在神並那將要審判活人死人的基督耶穌面前，憑着祂的顯現和祂的國度，鄭重的囑咐你，

提後 4:18 主必救我脫離各樣兇惡的事，也必救我進入祂屬天的國。願榮耀歸與祂，直到永永遠遠。阿們。

1 我們應當愛主的顯現，並以熱切的期待和喜樂盼望這事—啓二二20。

啓 22:20 見證這些事的說，是的，我必快來！阿們。主耶穌阿，我願你來！

2 我們應當過一種愛主顯現的生活，這會使我們不灰心，卻維持忠信直到路終—提後四8，啓十七14。

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貳『不要愛世界，和世界上的事。人若愛世界，愛父的心就不在他裏面了』—約壹二15：

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A. Loving the Lord's appearing and loving the Lord Himself are inseparable—1 Cor. 2:9; 2 Tim. 4:8.

1 Cor. 2:9 But as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard and which have not come up in man's heart; things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

2 Tim. 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, with which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will recompense me in that day, and not only me but also all those who have loved His appearing.

B. If we are waiting for the Lord to come, we should be those who love His appearing—1 Thes. 1:10; 2 Tim. 4:8.

1 Thes. 1:10 And await His Son from the heavens, whom He raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath which is coming.

2 Tim. 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, with which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will recompense me in that day, and not only me but also all those who have loved His appearing.

C. The Lord's appearing, His coming back, is a warning, an encouragement, and an incentive to us—vv. 1, 18:

2 Tim. 4:1 I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

2 Tim. 4:18 The Lord will deliver me from every evil work and will save me into His heavenly kingdom, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

1. We should love the Lord's appearing and look forward to it with earnest expectation and joy—Rev. 22:20.

Rev. 22:20 He who testifies these things says, Yes, I come quickly. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

2. We should have a living that loves the Lord's appearing; this causes us not to be discouraged but to remain faithful to the end—2 Tim. 4:8; Rev. 17:14.

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II. “Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him”—1 John 2:15:

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一世界是一個邪惡的系統，是撒但系統化的安排—15～17節，雅四4：

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雅 4:4 你們這些淫亂的人，豈不知與世界為友，就是與神為敵麼？所以凡想要與世界為友的，就成了神的仇敵。

1 神造人在地上生活，是爲了完成祂的定旨；但神的仇敵撒但爲了霸佔神所造的人，就用文化、教育、工業、商業、娛樂和宗教將人系統起來，在地上形成一個反對神的世界系統—弗三 11，創一 26～28，二 8～9，四 16～24。

弗 3:11 這是照着祂在我們的主基督耶穌裏，所立的永遠定旨；

創 1:26 神說，我們要按着我們的形像，照着我們的樣式造人，使他們管理海裏的魚、空中的鳥、地上的牲畜、和全地、並地上所爬的一切爬物。

創 1:27 神就按着自己的形像創造人，乃是按着神的形像創造他；創造他們有男有女。

創 1:28 神就賜福給他們；又對他們說，要繁衍增多，徧滿地面，並制伏這地，也要管理海裏的魚、空中的鳥、和地上各樣行動的活物。

創 2:8 耶和華神在東方的伊甸栽植了一個園子，把所塑造的人安放在那裏。

創 2:9 耶和華神使各樣的樹從地裏長出來，可以悅人的眼目，也好作食物；園子當中有生命樹，還有善惡知識樹。

創 4:16 於是該隱離開耶和華的面，去住在伊甸東邊挪得之地。

創 4:17 該隱與妻子同房，他妻子就懷孕，生了以諾。該隱建造了一座城，並按着他兒子的名，將那城叫作以諾。

創 4:18 以諾生以拿，以拿生米戶雅利，米戶雅利生瑪土撒利，瑪土撒利生拉麥。

創 4:19 拉麥娶了兩個妻子，一個名叫亞大，另一個名叫洗拉。

創 4:20 亞大生雅八；雅八是居住帳棚、牧養牲畜之人的始祖。

創 4:21 雅八的兄弟名叫猶八；他是一切彈琴吹簫之人的始祖。

創 4:22 洗拉也生了土八該隱；他是打造各樣銅鐵利器的。土八該隱的妹妹是拿瑪。

創 4:23 拉麥對他的兩個妻子說，亞大和洗拉，聽我的聲音；拉麥的妻子，聽我的言語：壯年人傷我，我把他殺了；少年人打我，我把他害了。

A. The world is an evil system arranged systematically by Satan—vv. 15-17; James 4:4:

1 John 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him;

1 John 2:16 Because all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.

1 John 2:17 And the world is passing away, and its lust, but he who does the will of God abides forever.

James 4:4 Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever determines to be a friend of the world is constituted an enemy of God.

1. God created man to live on the earth for the fulfillment of His purpose, but His enemy, Satan, in order to usurp the God-created man, formed an anti-God world system on this earth by systematizing people with culture, education, industry, commerce, entertainment, and religion—Eph. 3:11; Gen. 1:26-28; 2:8-9; 4:16-24.

Eph. 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Gen. 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

Gen. 1:27 And God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Gen. 1:28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

Gen. 2:8 And Jehovah God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there He put the man whom He had formed.

Gen. 2:9 And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Gen. 4:16 And Cain went forth from the presence of Jehovah and dwelt in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Gen. 4:17 And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city and called the name of the city after the name of his son Enoch.

Gen. 4:18 And Irad was born to Enoch, and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech.

Gen. 4:19 And Lamech took two wives for himself: The name of the first was Adah, and the name of the second Zillah.

Gen. 4:20 And Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and raise cattle.

Gen. 4:21 And his brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.

Gen. 4:22 And Zillah also gave birth to Tubal-cain, the forger of every cutting instrument of bronze and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

Gen. 4:23 And Lamech said to his wives, Adah and Zillah, listen to my voice; / O wives of Lamech, hearken to my speech; / For I have slain a man for wounding me, / Even a young man for striking me.

創 4:24 若殺該隱遭報七倍，殺拉麥必遭報七十七倍。

2 撒但已把地上一切的事物，特別是那些與人類有關的，以及空中的事物，都系統化成為他黑暗的國度，為要霸佔人，阻撓人，不讓人成全神的定旨，並打岔人對神的享受—約壹二 15 ~ 17。

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約壹 2:17 這世界和其上的情慾，正在過去；惟獨實行神旨意的，永遠長存。

3 世界抵抗父神，世界上的事抵抗神的旨意，那些愛世界的人就是神的仇敵—15 ~ 17 節，雅四 4。

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二『整個世界』，就是撒但的系統，『都臥在那惡者裏面』—約壹五 19 下：

約壹 5:19 我們曉得我們是屬神的，而整個世界都臥在那惡者裏面。

1 『整個世界』是由撒但的世界系統，和世界上的人，就是墮落的人類組成的。

2 『臥』意思是被動的留在那惡者的勢力範圍，在他的霸佔並操縱之下；整個世界以及世界上的人被動的臥在那惡者撒但霸佔並操縱的手下。

3 約壹五章十九節裏的『惡者』，原文乃是指致命、有害的邪惡，影響別人成為邪惡、惡毒的；這樣的惡者，就是整個世界都臥在他裏面的魔鬼撒但。

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Gen. 4:24 If Cain is avenged sevenfold, / Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.

2. All the things on the earth, especially those related to mankind, and all the things in the air have been systematized by Satan into his kingdom of darkness to occupy people and frustrate them from accomplishing the purpose of God and to distract them from the enjoyment of God—1 John 2:15-17.

1 John 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him;

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3. The world is against God the Father, the things in the world are against the will of God, and those who love the world are enemies of God—vv. 15-17; James 4:4.

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James 4:4 Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever determines to be a friend of the world is constituted an enemy of God.

B. “The whole world,” the satanic system, “lies in the evil one”—1 John 5:19b:

1 John 5:19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the evil one.

1. “The whole world” comprises the satanic world system and the people of the world, the fallen human race.

2. Lies means remaining passively in the sphere of the evil one's usurpation and manipulation; the whole world and the people of the world are lying passively under the usurping and manipulating hand of Satan, the evil one.

3. The Greek word rendered “evil” in 1 John 5:19 refers to one who is pernicious, harmfully evil, one who affects others, influencing them to be evil and vicious; such an evil one is Satan, the devil, in whom the whole world lies.

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三撒但在利用物質的世界和世界上的事物，至終將一切歸一在敵基督的國裏；那時世界的系統會達到頂點，並且世界的每一分子都會顯為敵基督的一帖後二 3 ~ 12。

帖後 2:3 不要讓任何人用任何方法誘騙你們；因為那日子以前，必有背道的事先來，並有那不法的人，就是滅亡之子，顯露出來；

帖後 2:4 他是那敵對、且高擡自己超過一切稱為神，或受人敬拜者的，甚至坐在神的殿裏，展示自己，說他就是神。

帖後 2:5 我還在你們那裏的時候，曾一再把這些事告訴你們，你們不記得麼？

帖後 2:6 現在你們也知道，那抑制他，使他到了自己的時候，纔可以顯露出來的是甚麼。

帖後 2:7 因為那不法的奧祕已經發動，只等那現在的抑制者被除去；

帖後 2:8 那時這不法者必顯露出來，主耶穌要用祂口中的氣除滅他，並用祂來臨的顯現廢掉他。

帖後 2:9 這不法者的來臨，是照着撒但的運行，行各樣的異能、神蹟、和虛謊的奇事，

帖後 2:10 並且在那滅亡的人身上，行各樣不義的欺騙；因他們不領受對真理的愛，使他們得救。

帖後 2:11 所以，神就使錯謬運行在他們裏面，叫他們信從虛謊，

帖後 2:12 使一切不信真理，倒喜悅不義的人，都被判罪。

叁 愛主的顯現，與愛現今的世代，是相對的一提後四 8，10:

提後 4:8 從此以後，有公義的冠冕為我存留，就是主，那公義的審判者，在那日要賞賜我的；不但賞賜我，也賞賜凡愛祂顯現的人。

提後 4:10 因為底馬愛了現今的世代，就離棄我往帖撒羅尼迦去了；革勒士往加拉太去，提多往提馬太去。

一世代是撒但世界系統的部分、片段、方面，為撒但所利用，篡奪並霸佔人，使人遠離神和神的定旨—約壹五 19，二 15。

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二提後四章十節『現今的世代』，指那圍繞我們、吸引我們、並試誘我們的世界；我們無法接觸

C. Satan is utilizing the material world and the things that are in the world to eventually head everything up in the kingdom of Antichrist; at that hour the world system will have reached its zenith, and every unit of it will be revealed to be anti-Christian—2 Thes. 2:3-12.

2 Thes. 2:3 Let no one deceive you in any way, because it will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of perdition,

2 Thes. 2:4 Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or an object of worship, so that he sits in the temple of God, setting himself forth, saying that he is God.

2 Thes. 2:5 Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I said these things to you?

2 Thes. 2:6 And now you know that which restrains, so that he might be revealed in his own time.

2 Thes. 2:7 For it is the mystery of lawlessness that is now operating, but only until the one now restraining goes out of the way.

2 Thes. 2:8 And then the lawless one will be revealed (whom the Lord Jesus will slay by the breath of His mouth and bring to nothing by the manifestation of His coming),

2 Thes. 2:9 The coming of whom is according to Satan's operation in all power and signs and wonders of a lie

2 Thes. 2:10 And in all deceit of unrighteousness among those who are perishing, because they did not receive the love of the truth that they might be saved.

2 Thes. 2:11 And because of this God sends to them an operation of error that they might believe the lie,

2 Thes. 2:12 So that all who have not believed the truth but have taken pleasure in unrighteousness might be judged.

III. Loving the Lord's appearing is in contrast to loving the present age—2 Tim. 4:8, 10:

2 Tim. 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, with which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will recompense me in that day, and not only me but also all those who have loved His appearing.

2 Tim. 4:10 For Demas has abandoned me, having loved the present age, and has gone to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia; Titus to Dalmatia.

A. An age is a part, a section, or an aspect of the world system of Satan, which is used by him to usurp and occupy people and keep them away from God and His purpose—1 John 5:19; 2:15.

1 John 5:19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the evil one.

1 John 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him;

B. In 2 Timothy 4:10 the present age refers to the world that surrounds, attracts, and tempts us; we cannot contact the world unless we contact

世界，除非我們接觸世界現今的世代。

提後 4:10 因為底馬愛了現今的世代，就離棄我往帖撒羅尼迦去了；
革勒士往加拉太去，提多往撻馬太去。

三底馬愛了現今的世代；由於現今世代的吸引，
底馬就離棄使徒保羅—10 節。

提後 4:10 因為底馬愛了現今的世代，就離棄我往帖撒羅尼迦去了；
革勒士往加拉太去，提多往撻馬太去。

四在羅馬十二章二節保羅勸勉我們，不要模倣這
世代，乃要藉着心思的更新而變化：

羅 12:2 不要模倣這世代，反要藉着心思的更新而變化，叫你們驗
證何為神那美好、可喜悅、並純全的旨意。

1 二節的『這世代』指世界現今、實際的部分，乃是
與身體生活敵對，並頂替身體生活的—4 ~ 5 節。

羅 12:2 不要模倣這世代，反要藉着心思的更新而變化，叫你們驗
證何為神那美好、可喜悅、並純全的旨意。

羅 12:4 正如我們一個身體上有好些肢體，但肢體不都有一樣的功用；

羅 12:5 我們這許多人，在基督裏是一個身體，並且各個互相作肢
體，也是如此。

2 模倣這世代，意思就是採取現今世代的時尚；變化
就是讓生機的元素作到我們這人裏面，在裏面產生
新陳代謝的改變—2 節，林後三 18。

羅 12:2 不要模倣這世代，反要藉着心思的更新而變化，叫你們驗
證何為神那美好、可喜悅、並純全的旨意。

林後 3:18 但我們眾人既然以沒有帕子遮蔽的臉，好像鏡子觀看並返
照主的榮光，就漸漸變化成為與祂同樣的形像，從榮耀到
榮耀，乃是從主靈變化成的。

3 因為現今的世代敵對召會，就是敵對神的旨意，所
以我們不可模倣這世代—羅十二 2。

羅 12:2 不要模倣這世代，反要藉着心思的更新而變化，叫你們驗
證何為神那美好、可喜悅、並純全的旨意。

4 我們若要活在基督的身體裏，就不該跟從現今的世
代，也不該模倣這世代或模成其樣子—4 ~ 5 節。

羅 12:4 正如我們一個身體上有好些肢體，但肢體不都有一樣的
功用；

羅 12:5 我們這許多人，在基督裏是一個身體，並且各個互相作肢
體，也是如此。

the present age of the world.

2 Tim. 4:10 For Demas has abandoned me, having loved the present age, and has gone to Thessalonica;
Crescens to Galatia; Titus to Dalmatia.

C. Demas loved the present age; due to the attraction of the present age, he
forsook the apostle Paul—v. 10.

2 Tim. 4:10 For Demas has abandoned me, having loved the present age, and has gone to Thessalonica;
Crescens to Galatia; Titus to Dalmatia.

D. In Romans 12:2 Paul exhorts us to not be fashioned according to this age
but to be transformed by the renewing of the mind:

Rom. 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind
that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

1. This age in verse 2 denotes the present, practical part of the world, which
stands in opposition to the Body life and replaces the Body life—vv. 4-5.

Rom. 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind
that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

Rom. 12:4 For just as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function,

Rom. 12:5 So we who are many are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

2. To be fashioned according to this age means to adopt the modern fashions of
the present age; to be transformed is to allow an organic element to be wrought
into our being, thus producing an inward metabolic change—v. 2; 2 Cor. 3:18.

Rom. 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind
that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

2 Cor. 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are
being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

3. Because the present age opposes the church, which is God's will, we
must not be fashioned according to it—Rom. 12:2.

Rom. 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind
that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

4. If we are to live in the Body of Christ, we should not follow the present
age or be fashioned according to this age or conformed to it—vv. 4-5.

Rom. 12:4 For just as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same
function,

Rom. 12:5 So we who are many are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

五 我們若愛現今的世代，就會站在世界的一邊；我們若愛主的顯現，就會站在主的一邊，並為着祂的權益與祂一同爭戰—提後四 1～2, 4～8, 10。

- 提後 4:1 我在神並那將要審判活人死人的基督耶穌面前，憑着祂的顯現和祂的國度，鄭重的囑咐你，
- 提後 4:2 務要傳道；無論得時不得時，都要豫備好，用全般的恆忍和教訓，叫人知罪自責，譴責人，勸勉人。
- 提後 4:4 並且轉耳離棄真理，偏向虛構無稽之事。
- 提後 4:5 你卻要凡事謹慎自守，忍受苦難，作傳福音者的工作，盡你的職事。
- 提後 4:6 我現在被澆奠，我離世的時候到了。
- 提後 4:7 那美好的仗我已經打過了，當跑的賽程我已經跑盡了，當守的信仰我已經守住了；
- 提後 4:8 從此以後，有公義的冠冕為我存留，就是主，那公義的審判者，在那日要賞賜我的；不但賞賜我，也賞賜凡愛祂顯現的人。
- 提後 4:10 因為底馬愛了現今的世代，就離棄我往帖撒羅尼迦去了；革勒士往加拉太去，提多往撻馬太去。

肆 那些愛主、等候祂來、並愛主顯現的人將會得勝—林前二 9，提後四 8，啓二二 20，十七 14：

- 林前 2:9 只是如經上所記：『神為愛祂的人所豫備的，是眼睛未曾看見，耳朵未曾聽見，人心也未曾想到的。』
- 提後 4:8 從此以後，有公義的冠冕為我存留，就是主，那公義的審判者，在那日要賞賜我的；不但賞賜我，也賞賜凡愛祂顯現的人。
- 啓 22:20 見證這些事的說，是的，我必快來！阿們。主耶穌阿，我願你來！
- 啓 17:14 他們要與羔羊爭戰，羔羊必勝過他們，因為羔羊是萬主之主，萬王之王。同着羔羊的，就是蒙召被選忠信的人，也必得勝。

一 愛主的顯現，乃是我們今天愛主、為主活着的證明；因此也就成了我們將來得着主賞賜的條件—提後四 8, 18。

- 提後 4:8 從此以後，有公義的冠冕為我存留，就是主，那公義的審判者，在那日要賞賜我的；不但賞賜我，也賞賜凡愛祂顯現的人。
- 提後 4:18 主必救我脫離各樣兇惡的事，也必救我進入祂屬天的國。願榮耀歸與祂，直到永永遠遠。阿們。

E. If we love the present age, we will take sides with the world; if we love the Lord's appearing, we will take sides with Him and fight with Him for His interests—2 Tim. 4:1-2, 4-8, 10.

- 2 Tim. 4:1 I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:
- 2 Tim. 4:2 Proclaim the word; be ready in season and out of season; convict, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and teaching.
- 2 Tim. 4:4 And they will turn away their ear from the truth and will be turned aside to myths.
- 2 Tim. 4:5 But you, be sober in all things, suffer evil, do the work of an evangelist, fully accomplish your ministry.
- 2 Tim. 4:6 For I am already being poured out, and the time of my departure is at hand.
- 2 Tim. 4:7 I have fought the good fight; I have finished the course; I have kept the faith.
- 2 Tim. 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, with which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will recompense me in that day, and not only me but also all those who have loved His appearing.
- 2 Tim. 4:10 For Demas has abandoned me, having loved the present age, and has gone to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia; Titus to Dalmatia.

IV. Those who love the Lord, wait for His coming, and love His appearing will overcome—1 Cor. 2:9; 2 Tim. 4:8; Rev. 22:20; 17:14:

- 1 Cor. 2:9 But as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard and which have not come up in man's heart; things which God has prepared for those who love Him."
- 2 Tim. 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, with which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will recompense me in that day, and not only me but also all those who have loved His appearing.
- Rev. 22:20 He who testifies these things says, Yes, I come quickly. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
- Rev. 17:14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and they who are with Him, the called and chosen and faithful, will also overcome them.

A. Loving the Lord's appearing is a proof that we love the Lord and live for Him today; hence, it also becomes a condition for us to receive His reward—2 Tim. 4:8, 18.

- 2 Tim. 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, with which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will recompense me in that day, and not only me but also all those who have loved His appearing.
- 2 Tim. 4:18 The Lord will deliver me from every evil work and will save me into His heavenly kingdom, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

二愛主的顯現，並不是說我們就不過正常的生活了；相反的，我們越愛祂的顯現，就越需要在今天過一個正常的生活—太二四 40～42，帖後一 9，三 6～12，提前五 8。

- 太 24:40 那時，兩個人在田裏，取去一個，撇下一個。
太 24:41 兩個女人在磨坊推磨，取去一個，撇下一個。
太 24:42 所以你們要做醒，因為不知道你們的主那一天要來。
帖後 1:9 在那日，當主來，在祂聖徒身上得榮耀，並在一切信的人身上顯為希奇的時候，（你們也在其中，因為你們信了我們對你們所作的見證，）
帖後 3:6 弟兄們，我們在我們主耶穌基督的名裏囑咐你們，凡有弟兄不按規矩、且不照着你們從我們所受的傳授而行，就當遠離他。
帖後 3:7 你們自己原知道，應當怎樣效法我們；因為我們在你們中間，未嘗不守規矩，
帖後 3:8 也未嘗白喫任何人的飯，倒是勞碌辛苦，晝夜作工，免得叫你們任何人受累。
帖後 3:9 這並不是因我們沒有權利，乃是要給你們作榜樣，叫你們效法我們。
帖後 3:10 我們在你們那裏的時候，也曾將這事囑咐你們，若有人不願作工，就不可喫飯。
帖後 3:11 因我們聽說，在你們中間有些人不按規矩而行，甚麼工都不作，反倒好管閒事。
帖後 3:12 我們在主耶穌基督裏，囑咐並勸勉這樣的人，要安靜作工，喫自己的飯。
提前 5:8 人若不供養自己的親屬，尤其是自己的家人，就是棄絕了信仰，比不信的人還不如。

三所有愛主耶穌，以祂為生命，活祂，顯大祂的人，都該等候祂來，並且愛祂的顯現；這是我們所有盼望進入祂的快樂，蒙拯救進入祂屬天的國，並得着公義冠冕的人，該有的心願和生生活—提後四 8，18。

- 提後 4:8 從此以後，有公義的冠冕為我存留，就是主，那公義的審判者，在那日要賞賜我的；不但賞賜我，也賞賜凡愛祂顯現的人。
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B. To love the Lord's appearing does not mean that we should not live a normal life; rather, the more we love His appearing, the more we need to live a normal life today—Matt. 24:40-42; 2 Thes. 1:10; 3:6-12; 1 Tim. 5:8.

- Matt. 24:40 At that time two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left.
Matt. 24:41 Two women will be grinding at the mill; one is taken and one is left.
Matt. 24:42 Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord comes.
2 Thes. 1:10 When He comes to be glorified in His saints and to be marveled at in all those who have believed (because our testimony to you was believed) in that day.
2 Thes. 3:6 Now we charge you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from every brother walking disorderly and not according to the things which were handed down to you and which you received from us.
2 Thes. 3:7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not disorderly among you;
2 Thes. 3:8 Nor did we eat bread as a gift from anyone, but in labor and hardship we worked night and day so that we would not be burdensome to any of you;
2 Thes. 3:9 Not because we do not have the right, but in order that we might give ourselves to you as a pattern that you might imitate us.
2 Thes. 3:10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this charge, that if anyone does not want to work, neither should he eat.
2 Thes. 3:11 For we hear of some walking among you disorderly, doing no work at all, but being busybodies.
2 Thes. 3:12 Now such ones we charge and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work with quietness and eat their own bread.
1 Tim. 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

C. As those who love the Lord Jesus, take Him as our life, live Him, and magnify Him, we should await His coming and love His appearing; this should be our heart's desire and our living as those who hope to enter into His joy, be saved into the Lord's heavenly kingdom, and receive the crown of righteousness—2 Tim. 4:8, 18.

- 2 Tim. 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, with which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will recompense me in that day, and not only me but also all those who have loved His appearing.
2 Tim. 4:18 The Lord will deliver me from every evil work and will save me into His heavenly kingdom, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.