

第三篇

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如同留意照在暗處的燈，
直等到天發亮，
晨星在我們心裏出現，
而為着主的來臨將自己豫備好

詩歌：

讀經：彼後一 19，詩一一九 105，130，啓二 28，
瑪四 2，帖前五 4～6

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壹 信徒留意申言者的話，乃是極重要的一彼後一 19 上：

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一申言者的話是神要求我們知道的事，是信徒必須留意的一彼前一 10，彼後三 2，路一 70。

Message Three

**Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming
by Giving Heed to the Prophetic Word
as to a Lamp Shining in a Dark Place
Until the Day Dawns
and the Morning Star Rises in Our Hearts**

Hymns:

Scripture Reading: 2 Pet. 1:19; Psa. 119:105, 130; Rev. 2:28; Mal. 4:2; 1 Thes. 5:4-6

2 Pet. 1:19 And we have the prophetic word made more firm, to which you do well to give heed as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

Psa. 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet / And a light to my path.

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1 Thes. 5:4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness that the day should overtake you like a thief;

1 Thes. 5:5 For you are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

1 Thes. 5:6 So then let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us watch and be sober.

I. It is crucial for believers to give heed to the prophetic word—2 Pet. 1:19a:

2 Pet. 1:19 And we have the prophetic word made more firm, to which you do well to give heed as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

A. Prophecies are matters that God requires us to know, and believers should give heed to them—1 Pet. 1:10; 2 Pet. 3:2; Luke 1:70.

彼前 1:10 關於這救恩，那豫言你們要得恩典的眾申言者，已經詳細的尋求考察過，

彼後 3:2 叫你們記念那藉着聖申言者豫先所說的話，和你們的使徒所傳主和救主的命令。

路 1:70 正如祂從時間起首，藉着聖申言者的口所說的，

二主耶穌曾囑咐我們，對於申言者的話需要會意；這清楚表明信徒必須重視聖經中申言者的話——太二四 15，參但九 24～27。

太 24:15 你們看見那藉着申言者但以理所說，行毀壞的可憎之物站在聖地，（讀這經的人需要會意，）

但 9:24 為你本國之民和你的聖城，已經截定了七十個七，要終止過犯，了結罪惡，為罪孽成就平息，帶進永遠的義，封住異象和豫言，並膏至聖所。

但 9:25 所以你當知道，當明白：從出令重新修建耶路撒冷，直到彌賽亞君的時候，必有七個七和六十二個七；即使在艱難的時候，耶路撒冷城也必連街帶濠，重新建造。

但 9:26 過了六十二個七，彌賽亞必被剪除，一無所有；必有一王的民來毀滅這城和聖所；結局必有洪水，並一直到底的爭戰；荒涼的事已經定了。

但 9:27 他必與許多人堅定一個七的盟約；到一七之半，他必使祭祀和供獻止息，並且以那造成荒涼者的可憎之物代替祭祀和供獻，直到所定之完全的毀壞傾倒在那造成荒涼者的身上。

三召會若不殷重視申言者的話，就難免在信徒中多有失去信心的，受謊言欺騙的，『因無…認識而滅絕』的，因不儆醒而忘記主的來臨——何四 6，帖前五 4～6，太二四 42，彼前五 8。

何 4:6 我的民因無那樣的認識而滅絕；你棄掉那樣的認識，我也必棄掉你，使你不再給我作祭司；你既忘了你神的律法，我也必忘記你的兒女。

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帖前 5:6 所以我們不要睡覺，像其餘的人一樣，總要做醒謹守。

太 24:42 所以你們要做醒，因為不知道你們的主那一天要來。

彼前 5:8 務要謹守、儆醒。你們的對頭魔鬼，如同吼叫的獅子，徧地遊行，尋找可吞喫的人；

四信徒若沒有聖經中的豫言（申言者的話），就會落在黑暗裏——徒二六 18，約十二 35～36，弗五 8～9：

1 Pet. 1:10 Concerning this salvation the prophets, who prophesied concerning the grace that was to come unto you, sought and searched diligently,

2 Pet. 3:2 So that you would remember the words spoken before by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior preached by your apostles;

Luke 1:70 Even as He spoke through the mouth of His holy prophets from of old-

B. The Lord Jesus charged us to understand the prophecies; this clearly shows that the believers must pay attention to the prophecies in the Bible—Matt. 24:15; cf. Dan. 9:24-27.

Matt. 24:15 Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let him who reads understand),

Dan. 9:24 Seventy weeks are apportioned for your people and for your holy city, to close the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make propitiation for iniquity, and to bring in the righteousness of the ages, and to seal up vision and prophet, and to anoint the Holy of Holies.

Dan. 9:25 Know therefore and comprehend: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the time of Messiah the Prince will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with street and trench, even in distressful times.

Dan. 9:26 And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah will be cut off and will have nothing; and the people of the prince who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end of it will be with a flood, and even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

Dan. 9:27 And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week; and in the middle of the week he will cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease and will replace the sacrifice and the oblation with abominations of the desolator, even until the complete destruction that has been determined is poured out upon the desolator.

C. If the church does not pay adequate attention to these prophecies, many believers will inevitably lose faith, be deceived by lies, be destroyed because of a lack of that knowledge, and forget the Lord's coming by not being watchful—Hosea 4:6; 1 Thes. 5:4-6; Matt. 24:42; 1 Pet. 5:8.

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed / Because of a lack of that knowledge. / For you have rejected that knowledge, / And I will reject you, so that you will not be a priest to Me; / Since you have forgotten the law of your God, / I also will forget your children.

1 Thes. 5:4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness that the day should overtake you like a thief;

1 Thes. 5:5 For you are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

1 Thes. 5:6 So then let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us watch and be sober.

Matt. 24:42 Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord comes.

1 Pet. 5:8 Be sober; watch. Your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking someone to devour.

D. If the believers do not have the prophecies in the Bible, they will fall into darkness—Acts 26:18; John 12:35-36; Eph. 5:8-9:

徒 26:18 我差你到他們那裏去，叫他們的眼睛得開，從黑暗轉入光中，從撒但權下轉向神，又因信入我，得蒙赦罪，並在一一切聖別的人中得着基業。

約 12:35 耶穌就對他們說，光在你們中間，還有不多的時候，應當趁着有光行走，免得黑暗勝過你們；那在黑暗裏行走的，不知道往何處去。

約 12:36 你們應當趁着有光，信入這光，使你們成爲光的兒子。耶穌說了這話，就離開他們，隱藏了。

弗 5:8 你們從前是黑暗，但如今在主裏面乃是光，行事爲人就要像光的兒女，

弗 5:9 (光的果子是在於一切的善、義和真實，)

1 今世乃是夜間—羅十三 12，帖前五 4 ~ 8。

羅 13:12 黑夜已深，白晝將近，所以我們當脫去黑暗的行爲，穿上光的兵器。

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帖前 5:6 所以我們不要睡覺，像其餘的人一樣，總要儆醒謹守。

帖前 5:7 因爲睡了的人是在夜間睡，醉了的人是在夜間醉。

帖前 5:8 但我們既是屬於白晝，就當謹慎自守，穿上信和愛的胸甲，並戴上救恩之望的頭盔。

2 當主耶穌來時，天就要發亮；（彼後一 19 下；）來世，國度時代，就是白天。

彼後 1:19 我們並有申言者更確定的話，你們留意這話，如同留意照在暗處的燈，直等到天發亮，晨星在你們心裏出現，你們就作得好了；

貳 彼得把經上的豫言（申言者的話）比作照在暗處的燈—19 節下：

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一 這指明今世乃是黑夜裏的暗處，（羅十三 12，）這世上的人都是在黑暗裏行走、活動。（參徒二六 18。）

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Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.

John 12:35 Jesus then said to them, The light is still among you a little while. Walk while you have the light so that darkness may not overcome you; and he who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.

John 12:36 While you have the light, believe into the light, so that you may become sons of light. Jesus said these things, and He went away and was hidden from them.

Eph. 5:8 For you were once darkness but are now light in the Lord; walk as children of light

Eph. 5:9 (For the fruit of the light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth),

1. The present age is the nighttime—Rom. 13:12; 1 Thes. 5:4-8.

Rom. 13:12 The night is far advanced, and the day has drawn near. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the weapons of light.

1 Thes. 5:4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness that the day should overtake you like a thief;

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1 Thes. 5:6 So then let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us watch and be sober.

1 Thes. 5:7 For those who sleep, sleep during the night, and those who get drunk are drunk during the night;

1 Thes. 5:8 But since we are of the day, let us be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love and a helmet, the hope of salvation.

2. When the Lord Jesus comes, the day will dawn (2 Pet. 1:19c), and the next age, the kingdom age, will be the daytime.

2 Pet. 1:19 And we have the prophetic word made more firm, to which you do well to give heed as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

II. Peter likens the word of prophecy in the Scripture to a lamp shining in a dark place—v. 19b:

2 Pet. 1:19 And we have the prophetic word made more firm, to which you do well to give heed as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

A. This indicates that this age is a dark place in the dark night (Rom. 13:12), and all the people of this world are moving and acting in darkness (cf. Acts 26:18).

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二經上申言者的話猶如信徒的明燈，傳輸屬靈的光（不僅供人心思想解的字句知識），照耀在他們的黑暗裏，引導他們進入光明的白晝，甚至經過黑夜，直到主顯現的那日，天發亮的時候——彼後一 19 下，提後四 8，一 12。

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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 1:12 為這緣故，我也受這些苦難；然而我不以為恥，因為知道我所信的是誰，也深信祂能保守我所託付的，直到那日。

三在主這陽光顯出以前，我們需要祂話的光，照耀我們的腳步——瑪四 2，詩一一九 105，130。

瑪 4:2 但向你們敬畏我名的人，必有公義的日頭升起，其翅膀有醫治之能；你們必如圈裏的肥牛犢出來跳躍。

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四我們若留意申言者那如燈照在暗處的話，會叫我們得着基督在我們心裏出現，照耀在黑暗中——彼後一 19 下。

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叁 我們需要留意照在暗處的燈，直等到天發亮，晨星在我們心裏出現——19 節下：

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一『暗處』按原文也可譯為『陰暗地方』，即骯髒、乾燥、被人忽畧的地方。

二『天發亮』是隱喻，說明滿了亮光的時候即將來到，如同晴天破曉，有晨星於黎明前在那些蒙光照的信徒心裏出現，這些信徒藉着留意經

B. The prophetic word of the Scriptures, as the shining lamp to the believers, conveys spiritual light that shines in their darkness (not merely knowledge in letters for their mental apprehension), guiding them into a bright day, even to pass through the dark night until the day of the Lord's appearing dawns—2 Pet. 1:19b; 2 Tim. 4:8; 1:12.

2 Pet. 1:19 And we have the prophetic word made more firm, to which you do well to give heed as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

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. 1:12 For which cause also I suffer these things; but I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that He is able to guard my deposit unto that day.

C. Before the Lord as the sunlight appears, we need this word as light to shine over our footsteps—Mal. 4:2; Psa. 119:105, 130.

Mal. 4:2 But unto you who fear My name will the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings, and you will go forth and leap about like well-fed calves.

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D. If we give heed to the prophetic word in the Bible, which shines as a lamp in a dark place, we will have Christ rising in our hearts to shine in the darkness—2 Pet. 1:19b.

2 Pet. 1:19 And we have the prophetic word made more firm, to which you do well to give heed as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

III. We need to give heed to the lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts—v. 19c:

2 Pet. 1:19 And we have the prophetic word made more firm, to which you do well to give heed as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

A. The Greek words rendered “dark place” may also be translated “murky place,” a place that is squalid, dry, and neglected.

B. The day is a metaphor illustrating a time coming that will be full of light, as a bright day dawning, with the morning star rising, before its dawning, in the hearts of the believers, who are illuminated and enlightened by

上照亮人的豫言之話，得了光照而被照明：

- 1 這促使並鼓勵信徒切切尋求主的同在，並且儆醒，使他們當主在祂來臨（巴路西亞）的隱密部分，像賊一樣來到時，不至於見不到主—太二四 27 與註 1，42～43，帖後二 8 與註 4。

太 24:27 ¹ 閃電怎樣從東邊發出，直照到西邊，人子來臨也要這樣。

太 24:27 註 1 基督的再來有兩方面：隱密的一面，向着儆醒的信徒；公開的一面，向着不信的猶太人和外邦人。這裏的閃電，象徵大災難後公開的一面；（29～30；）43 節的賊來，象徵大災難前隱密的一面。閃電如何藏在雲中，等候機會發出，基督也要身披雲彩，（啓十 1，）在空中一段時間，然後像閃電一樣突然顯現，臨到地上。因此，閃電將是主巴路西亞（見 3 註 3）結束的一個兆頭。這也含示主像電一樣。

太 24:42 所以你們要儆醒，因為不知道你們的主那一天要來。

太 24:43 但你們要知道，家主若曉得賊在幾更天要來，他就必儆醒，不容他的房屋被人挖透。

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⁴顯現廢掉他。

帖後 2:8 註 4 或，顯照。這指明主的來臨（巴路西亞），在公開顯現以前是隱密的。（見太二四 27 註 1。）這也指明主的來臨持續一段時間，（見 1 註 2，）先是隱密的，然後顯與眾人。

- 2 這隱喻必是將來世，國度時代，比作那要在主顯現（來臨）時發亮的天；那時主是公義的日頭，祂的光要照耀出來，衝破今世黑夜的幽暗—瑪四 2。

瑪 4:2 但向你們敬畏我名的人，必有公義的日頭升起，其翅膀有醫治之能；你們必如圈裏的肥牛犢出來跳躍。

三晨星在黎明前最黑暗的時刻出現—啓二二 16 下，參民二四 17，太二 2，9～10：

啓 22:16 我耶穌差遣我的使者，為眾召會將這些事向你們作見證。我是大衛的根，又是他的後裔，我是明亮的晨星。

民 24:17 我看祂，卻不在現時；我望祂，卻不在近日。必有一星從雅各而出，必有一杖從以色列興起，祂必打碎摩押的四角，毀壞舍特所有的子孫。

太 2:2 那生為猶太人之王的在那裏？因為祂的星出現的時候，我們看見了，就前來拜祂。

giving heed to the shining word of prophecy in the Scripture:

1. This will cause and encourage the believers to earnestly seek the Lord's presence and be watchful so that they will not miss the Lord in the secret part of His coming (parousia), when He will come as a thief—Matt. 24:27 and footnote 1, vv. 42-43; 2 Thes. 2:8 and footnote 3.

Matt. 24:27 For just as the ¹lightning comes forth from the east and shines to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Footnote 1 The second coming of Christ has two aspects: one is the secret aspect, related to His watchful believers; the other is the open aspect, related to the unbelieving Jews and Gentiles. The lightning here signifies the open aspect, which will take place after the great tribulation (vv. 29-30), whereas the thief's coming in v. 43 signifies the secret aspect, which will occur before the great tribulation. Lightning may be considered as being concealed in a cloud, waiting for an opportunity to flash forth. In a similar way, Christ will be clothed with a cloud (Rev. 10:1) in the air for a time and then will suddenly appear, like a flash of lightning striking the earth. Hence, the Lord's coming like a flash of lightning will be a sign of the end of the Lord's parousia (see note 3³). This implies also that the Lord is like electricity.

Matt. 24:42 Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord comes.

Matt. 24:43 But know this, that if the householder had known in which watch the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

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 ³manifestation of His coming),

Footnote 3 Or, shining forth. This indicates that the Lord's coming (parousia) will be hidden before it is manifested openly (see note 27¹ in Matt. 24). This indicates also that the Lord's coming will last a period of time (see note 1²). First, it will be in secret, and then it will be manifested to the public.

2. This metaphor must allude to the coming age, the day of the kingdom, as a day that will dawn at the appearing (the coming) of the Lord as the Sun of righteousness, whose light will shine to break through the gloom of the dark night of this age—Mal. 4:2.

Mal. 4:2 But unto you who fear My name will the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings, and you will go forth and leap about like well-fed calves.

C. The morning star appears in the darkest hour, prior to dawn—Rev. 22:16b; cf. Num. 24:17; Matt. 2:2, 9-10:

Rev. 22:16 I Jesus have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright morning star.

Num. 24:17 I see Him, but not now; / I behold Him, but not near. / There shall come forth a Star out of Jacob, / And a Scepter shall rise out of Israel, / And He shall crush the corners of Moab / And break down all the sons of Sheth.

Matt. 2:2 Saying, Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star at its rising and have come to worship Him.

太 2:9 他們聽了王的話，就去了。看哪，他們曾看見它出現的那星，在他們前頭領路，直領到那孩子那裏，就在上頭停住了。

太 2:10 他們看見那星，就極其歡樂。

1 這指明基督要在這世代臨近結束前，在最黑暗的時
候，出現如明亮的晨星—啓二二 16 下。

啓 22:16 我耶穌差遣我的使者，為眾召會將這些事向你們作見證。
我是大衛的根，又是他的後裔，我是明亮的晨星。

2 主作晨星的出現，與祂作公義日頭的出現，不在同一時間—二 28，瑪四 2：

啓 2:28 我又要把晨星賜給他。

瑪 4:2 但向你們敬畏我名的人，必有公義的日頭升起，其翅膀有醫治之能；你們必如圈裏的肥牛犢出來跳躍。

a 晨星的出現是在黎明之前；日頭的出現是在天明之後。

b 基督作公義的日頭，在天明之後的顯現，是公開的向着地上一切的人—2 節。

瑪 4:2 但向你們敬畏我名的人，必有公義的日頭升起，其翅膀有醫治之能；你們必如圈裏的肥牛犢出來跳躍。

c 祂作明亮的晨星，要在黎明之前，隱祕的向着那些儆醒豫備，等候祂的得勝者顯現—啓二二 16 下。

啓 22:16 我耶穌差遣我的使者，為眾召會將這些事向你們作見證。
我是大衛的根，又是他的後裔，我是明亮的晨星。

d 祂要隱祕的將祂自己當作晨星，賜給那些愛祂而儆醒等候祂的人，叫他們優先嘗到祂久離再臨之同在的新鮮—二 28。

啓 2:28 我又要把晨星賜給他。

四 我們留意經上如燈照在暗處的話，我們裏面就會有像天發亮，晨星在我們心裏出現的光景—彼後一 19 下：

彼後 1:19 我們並有申言者更確定的話，你們留意這話，如同留意照在暗處的燈，直等到天發亮，晨星在你們心裏出現，你們就作得好了；

1 按象徵說，『天發亮』指來世國度時代的晴天破曉—

Matt. 2:9 And after they heard the king, they went their way, and behold, the star which they saw at its rising led them until it came and stood over the place where the child was.

Matt. 2:10 And when they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

1. This indicates that Christ will appear as the bright morning star in the darkest time, prior to the end of this age—Rev. 22:16b.

Rev. 22:16 I Jesus have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright morning star.

2. The Lord's appearing as the morning star and His appearing as the Sun of righteousness will not be at the same time—2:28; Mal. 4:2:

Rev. 2:28 And to him I will give the morning star.

Mal. 4:2 But unto you who fear My name will the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings, and you will go forth and leap about like well-fed calves.

a. The morning star appears before dawn, and the appearing of the sun occurs after the dawning of the day.

b. As the Sun of righteousness after the dawning of the day, Christ will appear publicly to all the people on the earth—v. 2.

Mal. 4:2 But unto you who fear My name will the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings, and you will go forth and leap about like well-fed calves.

c. As the bright morning star before the dawning of the day, He will appear privately to the overcomers who are watching, preparing, and waiting for Him—Rev. 22:16b.

Rev. 22:16 I Jesus have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright morning star.

d. He will secretly give Himself as the morning star to those who love Him and who watch and wait for Him that they may have the priority to taste the freshness of His presence at His coming back after a long absence—2:28.

Rev. 2:28 And to him I will give the morning star.

D. When we give heed to the word of the Scriptures as to a lamp shining in a dark place, the condition within us will be like the day dawning and the morning star rising in our hearts—2 Pet. 1:19c:

2 Pet. 1:19 And we have the prophetic word made more firm, to which you do well to give heed as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

1. Figuratively, the day dawns refers to the coming age of the kingdom

參太十三 43。

太 13:43 那時，義人在他們父的國裏，要發光如同太陽。有耳可聽的，就應當聽。

2 整本聖經關於基督的豫表，開始於祂作為光，結束於祂作為晨星—創一 3，啓二 28，二二 16 下。

創 1:3 神說，要有光，就有了光。

啓 2:28 我又要把晨星賜給他。

啓 22:16 我耶穌差遣我的使者，為眾召會將這些事向你們作見證。我是大衛的根，又是他的後裔，我是明亮的晨星。

3 『晨星』指在國度時代破曉前，深夜中最黑暗時，隱祕出現於愛慕主顯現者心中的基督—16 節下。

啓 22:16 我耶穌差遣我的使者，為眾召會將這些事向你們作見證。我是大衛的根，又是他的後裔，我是明亮的晨星。

4 我們若一直留意經上照亮的話，我們就會有國度的天在我們裏面發亮，並且在基督作明亮的晨星實際的出現之前，我們就會得着祂如同晨星在我們心中出現—彼後一 19，啓二 28。

彼後 1:19 我們並有申言者更確定的話，你們留意這話，如同留意照在暗處的燈，直等到天發亮，晨星在你們心裏出現，你們就作得好了；

啓 2:28 我又要把晨星賜給他。

5 基督作為晨星，要賜給得勝者作他們的第一個賞賜；我們需要為着基督作為晨星的隱祕顯現將自己豫備好—28 ~ 29 節。

啓 2:28 我又要把晨星賜給他。

啓 2:29 那靈向眾召會所說的話，凡有耳的，就應當聽。

as a bright day dawning—cf. Matt. 13:43.

Matt. 13:43 Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

2. Concerning the types of Christ, the entire Bible begins with Him as light and ends with Him as the morning star—Gen. 1:3; Rev. 2:28; 22:16b.

Gen. 1:3 And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.

Rev. 2:28 And to him I will give the morning star.

Rev. 22:16 I Jesus have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright morning star.

3. The morning star refers to Christ who, in the darkest hour of the night, prior to the dawning of the kingdom age, will secretly rise in the hearts of those who love His appearing—v. 16b.

Rev. 22:16 I Jesus have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright morning star.

4. If we continually give heed to the shining word of the Scriptures, we will have the kingdom as the day dawning in us and Christ as the morning star rising in our hearts before His actual appearing as the bright morning star—2 Pet. 1:19; Rev. 2:28.

2 Pet. 1:19 And we have the prophetic word made more firm, to which you do well to give heed as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

Rev. 2:28 And to him I will give the morning star.

5. Christ as the morning star will be given to the overcomers as their first reward; we need to make ourselves ready for the secret appearing of the Lord as the morning star—vv. 28-29.

Rev. 2:28 And to him I will give the morning star.

Rev. 2:29 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.