

**Ears are Meant to Listen**  
**Revelation 22:6-21**

**I. God's Revelation Concluded**

1. Rev. 22:6-21 is the end of this Revelation  
It is also the concluding passage in the Scripture
2. Revelation of Jesus Christ ends with 22:5  
His glory and triumph for us is certain
3. This final section urges all to respond to God  
Listen to his message and build your life upon it
4. There are three things that stand out here:
  - (1) Integrity of the message – it is absolutely true
  - (2) Imminence of Christ's return
  - (3) Invitation is still open

**II. Respond to God's Truth – 22:6-9**

1. God is the source of this revelation – 6  
He is faithful and true, so is His message  
The God who spoke through holy prophets  
He sent His messenger (angel) with His message  
He considers this message of vital importance
2. These things will come with suddenness – 6-7  
They will be done shortly and with suddenness
3. Blesses all who respond to this message - 7  
Note Rev. 1:3 where a blessing is also pronounced
4. Important that we respond properly – 8, 9  
John's first response was improper  
Focused on the messenger rather than the message  
Wanted to worship the angelic messenger  
For this he was rebuked  
His worship was directed to God
5. How do we respond to God's message?  
Are we enamored with the messenger?  
The messenger is only a servant  
God is the author of the message – worship Him  
True worship produces obedience – Keep His Word  
Proper response is to build our lives upon God's Truth

**III. Prepare for Christ's Return – 10-16**

1. Message is for now, not to be sealed – 10  
In contrast to Daniel's message – Dan. 12:9  
This message is for our present generation
2. When Christ comes; too late to change – 11  
Unjust and filthy will have no time to change  
Righteous and holy will be so found
3. Christ will come quickly as just judge – 12  
Will reward His faithful servants  
Will judge those who are under condemnation
4. He was the Origin, He will complete it all – 13
5. Those prepared will enter into blessing – 14  
Preparation means response to His commands

- That response is a response of faith  
They will enter into His Eternal City  
They will eat of Tree of Life and live forever
6. Those not prepared will be shut out - 15  
Dogs – no appreciation for things of God  
Sorcerers – those seeking power from Satan  
Whoremongers – living to gratify fleshly lusts  
Murderers – lacking respect for human life  
Idolaters – worshipping some false god  
Liars – those who deviate from God's Truth
  7. This message comes from Jesus Christ – 16  
He sent this message to the churches  
He is the promised Messiah – has all authority  
He is both the root and the offspring of David  
He is David's Lord and He is also his son  
He is the bright and morning star  
He alone is the hope for a new day in our world  
He alone can bring a new beginning to sin-cursed world

**IV. Accept God's Invitation – 17-21**

1. God's Spirit still invites people to come – 17  
Holy Spirit still active inviting humans to Christ
2. Bride (Church) also extends an invitation  
Those who heard & responded invite others
3. Invitation goes out to the thirsty  
God offers water of life freely to the thirsty
4. God's message must not be altered – 18, 19  
Do not take anything from it or add to it  
Who is man to alter what God has said  
Strong warning to those who alter God's Word  
Those who add - God will add plagues in this book  
Those who remove– God will remove their names  
It is a serious thing to alter what God said  
Satan and Eve both altered God's Word
5. Christ's final word to us – 20  
Surely I come quickly – Amen (rely on it)  
He will come suddenly – be prepared
6. John's response (and ours?) – 20  
Even so, come, Lord Jesus  
Those who love Him look forward to His coming
7. Closing benediction – 21  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
All  
Only by His grace can we live with this perspective