

In our last podcast, we discussed what must now soon, by choice, take place, for Jesus chooses to now come quickly. We also explored the way in which the Woman who Rides the Beast is in all our hearts and how, almost as a reflexive action, we bow down before that which should not be worshipped. We were exhorted to worship only God. With that in mind, let's continue in **Revelation 22**.

## EP196 Revelation 22:11-12

### To Do & To Be

#### **Revelation 22:11**

He that is **now** doing wrong {or acting unjustly}, is commanded to do wrong still; and the one who is **now** being filthy, is commanded to be filthy still; and the righteous, is commanded to be caused to be righteous still; and the holy one, is commanded to be caused to be holy still.

This next section gets a bit crazy, for the commands have been given. The contrasts in this verse are nothing short of mind numbing, and it likely would be lost on us if we did not stick to the **Code**. This passage amplifies the reality of personal choice, personal sovereignty, and the help that God gives Himself to those who are *willing*.

#### **Wrong & Filthy**

The sentence construct is enlightening. Both instances of "*wrong*" and "*filthy*" are verbs, describing what they are now doing and what they are commanded to continue to be doing. The original act is in the *present active participle*, but the command is rendered in the *aorist active imperative*. It is all about how they are living, their overall lifestyle that is defined by their actions. We have all done wrong or acted unjustly. Likewise, we have all done things that are morally filthy. The Spirit, however, is describing those who are now and continually living in this manner and based on the course they set for their lives, it is what they seemingly want to continue to do; so, God agrees with their lifestyle choice, in the form of a command and in effect confirms their destiny.

This sort of lifestyle choice and subsequent destiny driven command is pictured for us in the Exodus story. In the days of Moses, Pharaoh, King of Egypt, hardened his heart toward God and would not release the people of Israel from indentured servitude, despite many requests. No matter how many ways **Yahweh** proved His power and rule to Pharaoh through Moses and Aaron, Pharaoh refused to humble himself and refused to choose to be obedient to God and let the people go.

Intending to induce Pharaoh to relent of his rebellion, **Yahweh** brought miraculous plague after miraculous plague over the land and over the people of Egypt, but Pharaoh still refused. He was living in rebellion; it was his way of life. It is what he chose and what he continued to choose.

**Yahweh** brought a total of ten infamous plagues. But what is intriguing is that in the first six plagues and accompanying six refusals by Pharaoh, the **Codex** is clear, Pharaoh hardened his own heart toward God (six being the number of man). Then the text changes. With the seventh plague it becomes clear that God decides to agree with and even confirms Pharaoh's decision to harden his heart toward **Yahweh**. Thus, the text reflects that **Yahweh** hardened Pharaoh's heart, or in effect, commanded that he continue

in his stubborn rebellion. And this came concurrent with the seventh plague, with seven, according to the **Code**, being the number of completions. Pharaoh had dug into his pride and rebellion so completely that it became his destiny.

There is a place where the heart of a person becomes so numb and so ingrained in its rebellion and wickedness, or in our text, doing that which is unjust and filthy, that **Yahweh** commands and seals that person in their choice to continue to do what they have been doing. God's heart is that none should perish but all should come to salvation, but not everyone wants His mercy, much less His grace.<sup>1</sup>

Remember, God is not going to send anyone to the **Lake of Fire** to experience an eternity of darkness and suffering. Rather, He is a respecter of persons. Each person chooses their own destiny (just as God has chosen person's destiny). A person either chooses to come and drink of the living water or they refuse over and over-and-over to accept the invitation to come and drink, an invitation which **Yahweh** continually makes until a person, like Pharaoh, seals themselves in their rebellion.

Tragically, there gets to be a point in time where **Yahweh** decides to agree with that person's own decision and seals the decision of each person in their own heart; and that decision defines their eternal destiny, and it is without opportunity for retraction.

*"He that is **now** doing wrong {or acting unjustly}, is commanded to do wrong still; and the one who is **now** being filthy, is commanded to be filthy still..."*

### ***Righteous & Holy***

But when it comes to the words "*righteous*" and "*holy*," respectively, in the first instance the words are adjectives and only in the second instance are they verbs. In other words, it could be translated more accurately: "*... and the one described as righteous, is commanded to be caused to be righteous still; and the one described as holy, is commanded to be caused to be holy still.*"

The adjective describes who they are and not so much what they do. It is more of a statement on what God has ascribed to their personhood. We know that since **Only God is Good**, their being described as "*righteous*" and "*holy*" is because **Yahweh** has ascribed these attributes to them. It is not based on what they do; rather, it is based on who they believe. These people have chosen to believe in **Yahweh Tsidkenu** (**Yahweh** their righteousness) and **Yahweh Mekoddishkem** (**Yahweh** who sets them apart as holy or sets them apart for His purposes).

Continuing with that line of reasoning, the commanded itself is rendered in the *passive* voice. What this means is that they are commanded to be **willing** to let God continue to cause them to be righteous and holy. Those attributes are not yet their fixed reality, otherwise those words would have been rendered as *nouns*. "*Righteous*" and "*holy*" describes their state of **grace**; the state which God has ascribed to them and which He will continue to keep them, if they are **willing**.

If they remain **willing** to now be believing, God will continue to do His work in-and-through them and they will be known as those who are righteous and holy, or set apart for God and God alone.

Sadly, what we learned from the letters to the churches of Ephesus and Sardis, many stop being **willing** altogether and instead trust in the works of their own hands, reveling in their own delusion of goodness. And what we learned from the letters to the churches of Thyatira, Pergamum, and Laodicea, is that many

<sup>1</sup> See **2 Peter 3:9**; **1 Timothy 2:3-4**; **John 3:16-17**; **Ezekiel 18:23, 33:11**

others struggle with the temptation in their flesh to look elsewhere for their purpose, identity, meaning, connection, and fulfillment and end up abiding in this world instead in the heavenly realms. But God will sustain us in this state of *grace* if we are *willing* to let Him.

### ***It is God's Job to Transform Us***

It is very comforting to know that if we are *willing*, Jesus will do all that he has promised, including being our source of righteousness and separating us or sanctifying us unto God. He will do the work if we let Him. Letting Him is our only job, for no one can keep themselves holy, pure, or set apart for God. God is the only one who can cause us to be righteous, holy, pure, and set apart for Him. We can only be *willing* to let Him have His war with our *flesh*, just as we have discussed many times, so He can complete His work.

Consider **1 Peter 1:15-16**, as adjusted for the **Code**, and the use of the *passive* voice.

#### **1 Peter 1:15-16**

"...but like the Holy One who has been calling you, you are commanded to **let God cause** you to be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it has been caused to being written, "You are commanded to choose to be holy, for I **now** am holy."

Sadly, the standard translations skip the **Code** and fail to include the *passive* voice. This has kept many believers trapped in an iron-cage of legalism where they are always trying so very hard to be holy, to be good, to be righteous and to continue to be righteous, and not to sin. This results in a life submerged under the guilt and shame of their failure.

But understood through the **Code** (how the Holy Spirit originally penned the phrase), the use of the *passive* voice speaks only to a person's *willingness* to choose to let God make them holy because they have relationally come to know **WHY** they can trust themselves fully to God and let Him **cause** them to be His precious possession and only His (the definition of what it means to be made holy). This is the reason why Jesus could say with a straight face that His yoke is easy, and His burden is light, and that if we take on His yoke, we will find **REST** for our souls.<sup>2</sup> Hallelujah, all He seeks is our *willingness* which is rooted in our coming to know who He is. The rest is up to Him, and God will sustain us in this state of *grace* if we are *willing* to let Him.

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## **I Come with My Reward**

### **Revelation 22:12**

Behold, I choose to **now** come quickly, and My reward with Me, to render to every man according to

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<sup>2</sup> See **Matthew 11:28-30**

what he **now** does.

### *I Come Quickly*

The word “*behold*” is intended to refocus our minds. We are working through this notion of sustaining **grace** and our **willingness** and suddenly He wants to reframe our attention: “*Behold, I choose to **now** come quickly...*” The verb “come” is rendered in the *present middle indicative*. This is the fourth time He makes this statement, but He will make this statement one more time for a total of five times, three times in this chapter alone.<sup>3</sup> This promise that He now chooses to now come quickly, or without delay, is a promise guaranteed by grace, as five, according to the **Code**, is the number representing grace.

He now comes quickly or literally “without delay.” Nothing will interfere or delay His plan. God does not track time the same way that we do. To us, it may feel that He keeps putting off His return, after all we have been waiting for just over 2,000 years. We just do not have the proper perspective, the one that comes down from the heavenly realm into our physical realm.

### **2 Peter 3:3-9**

You are to **now** be knowing this first of all, that in the last days mockers will in the **future** choose to come with their mocking, **now** choosing to be following after their own lusts, and **now** saying, “Where **now** is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers were caused to fall asleep, all **now** continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.”

For when they are **now** maintaining this, it **now** escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was being formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time had chosen to be destroyed, caused to being flooded with water.

But by His word the present heavens and earth **now** are caused to being reserved for fire, **now** caused to being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

But do not let this one fact by command **now** escape by command your notice **now**, beloved, **beloved** that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord is not **now** slow about His promise, as some **now** choose to count slowness, but is **now** patient toward you, not choosing to **now** be wishing for any to choose to perish but for all to come to repentance.

From the view of the heavenlies, it’s been only 2-days or so. This is a good reminder that God sees things from the heavenly realm down to the earthly realm, and not the other way around. With that said, the Father has established a specific time for the Son’s return. It is a bit funny, but in another passage in the **Codex**, it is clear that the Father considers these 2-days (2,000+ years) to be just a micron of time. The Spirit said: “*For yet in a very little while (technically, a micron of time), He that is choosing to **now** be coming will in the **future** come and will not in the **future** delay.*”<sup>4</sup> From the perspective of the heavenly

<sup>3</sup> See **Revelation 2:16, 3:11, 22:7, 12, 20**

<sup>4</sup> See **Hebrews 10:37**, “coming” is rendered in the *present middle participle*, “come” and “delay” are rendered in the *future active indicative*.

realm, words like “soon,” “near,” and “quickly” are not as abstract as they seem to us, it is just that the heavens function on a different time reference. It has only been a micron of time since He made these promises of coming.

The Father has asked Jesus to sit down at His right hand until He (the Father) has made the Son’s adversaries a footstool for His feet.<sup>5</sup> And we are told that Jesus “*sat down*” and is now waiting for this day.<sup>6</sup> The Father may be taking care of all arrangements in regard to preparing the bride for His Son and making arrangements for those who oppose the Son, but it will all occur without delay, on its scheduled and appointed time.

Clearly, Jesus wants us to get this point and have it sink deep into our souls. He comes quickly! Be ready! Don’t waste time! Don’t take this lightly! Keep being *willing* to live in the righteousness that defines you. It has all started; it is happening now. Therefore, we must be *willing* to let God cause us to not fear, to not give up, to not give in, and to keep our eyes off ourselves and off the things of this world and on Him.

“Behold, I choose to *now* come quickly ...” This is a cry for us to be attentive and give heed to His words. It is also a cry to those in the world—those who do not yet know Him—to wake up and not miss out on the privilege of always being with the Lord.

### ***My Reward is With Me***

“Behold, I choose to *now* come quickly, and My reward with Me ...” Jesus makes it clear that when He comes His reward (literally, His payment for services) will be with Him. This statement comes straight out of the **Codex**.

### ***Isaiah 40:10***

Behold, **Yahweh** God will come with might, with His arm ruling for Him. Behold, His *reward* is with Him and His *recompense* before Him.

The idea is that Jesus is being compensated by the Father for His service, for His sacrifice. He is receiving payment, so-to-speak, as He is the “*arm ruling for Him*.” And the gift of the Father is from among the peoples. The **Codex** addresses this over many parts of the scripture, but they all tie together to give us a comprehensive picture of **WHY** Jesus trusted Himself to His Father choosing to let Himself be tortured, brutally beaten and murdered, all the while believing that He would get His wonderful reward—His gift from among the peoples, as promised by the Father.

### **The Promise of Reward**

### ***Isaiah 53:10-11***

But it was **Yahweh's** good plan to crush him and cause him grief. Yet when his life is made an offering

<sup>5</sup> **Luke 20:42-43; Psalm 110:1**

<sup>6</sup> **Hebrews 10:12-13**

for sin, **he will have many descendants**. He will enjoy a long life, and **Yahweh's** good plan will prosper in his hands. When he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish, He will be satisfied. And because of His experience, my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for he will bear all their sins.

#### ***John 12:24***

Truly, truly, I **now** say to you, unless a grain of wheat has been falling to the earth and may die, it **now** remains alone; but if it may die, it **now** produces much fruit.

#### ***Hebrews 2:10***

For it was fitting for Him whom are all thing and through whom are all things in bringing many sons to glory, to make the prince {or captain} of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

#### ***Romans 8:17***

“... and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we **now** suffer with Him, that we also may be caused to be glorified with Him.”

This reward includes not just all those who have been found to now be believing since the time of His resurrection, but all those who lived by faith prior to His coming, going as far back as Adam and Eve. And this gave Jesus **great joy**. To Him the promise was worth all the suffering.

#### ***Matthew 8:11***

I **now** tell you that many will in the **future** come from east and west and in the **future** be caused to recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

#### ***Hebrews 12:1-2***

Therefore, since we are **now** having so great a cloud of witnesses choosing to **now** be surrounding us, let us also choose to be laying aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and **now** may we run with endurance the race that is **now** being set, by choice, before us, **now** fixing our eyes on Jesus, the prince {or captain} and perfecter of faith, who for the joy **now** being set, by choice, before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

### **The Sign of Jonah**

**Matthew 12:39-40**

But He was answering them, 'An evil and adulterous generation **now** seeks for a sign, but no sign will in the future be caused to be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man in the future choose to be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

After Jesus was crucified, He spent 3-days and 3-nights in the heart of the earth. He went to Sheol, the gathering place of the dead, and preached the gospel. Previously, we mentioned that Sheol had 2 compartments. One was a place of comfort and rest for those who had honored God, and this section was called by Jesus, the "**Bosom of Abraham.**" The other part was a place of fire and torment. We generally refer to this section as "**Hell.**"<sup>7</sup> This is the section occupied by those who did not honor God and did not treat His people kindly.

On-the-one-hand, Jesus showed those who had lived by faith in whom they had placed their trust, and He gathered them with Him when He ascended, and He took them with Him to the heavenlies. On-the-other-hand, He showed those who had rebelled and refused to believe in **Yahweh** the extent of their arrogant foolishness, and they were left behind in torment, waiting for their eternal judgment and ultimate destiny in the **Lake of Fire.**

**Preaching to the Dead****Matthew 12:39-40**

... an evil and adulterous generation **now** craves for a sign; and yet no sign will in the future be caused to be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet; for just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so will the Son of Man in the future choose to be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

**1 Peter 4:6**

For the gospel caused to have gone forth for this purpose has been caused, the gospel, to have gone forth even to those who are dead, that though they may be caused to be judged in the flesh as men, they may **now** live in the spirit according to the will of God.

**1 Peter 3:18-20**

For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been caused to being put to death in the flesh, but caused to being made alive in the spirit; in which also He was caused to have been going and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, who once were being disobedient, when the patience of God chose to have waited in the days of Noah, **now** caused to constructing the ark, in which a few, that is **now**, eight persons, were caused to have been

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<sup>7</sup> See **Luke 16:19-31**

brought safely through the water.

### The Gathering of the Faithful Who lived Under the Law

#### ***Psalms 68:18***

When you ascended to the heights, you led a crowd of captives. You received gifts from the people, even from those who rebelled against you. Now **Yahweh** God will live among us there.

#### ***Ephesians 4:9-10***

Now this expression, "He ascended," what **now** does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who was descending is **now** Himself also He who was ascending far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.<sup>8</sup>

### Bringing Many Sons to Glory: All His Bondservants

Circling back around to the full extent of the promise, Jesus received from the Father many sons, many descendants, all those who He has sanctified, and He is not ashamed to call them His brethren. Jesus put His trust completely in the Father and the result, "BEHOLD, I AND THE CHILDREN WHOM GOD HAS GIVEN ME."

#### ***Hebrews 2:10-13***

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings. For both He who is **now** sanctifying and those who are **now** caused to being sanctified are all from one; for which reason He chose to not **now** be ashamed to **now** call them brethren, **now** saying, "I WILL IN THE **FUTURE** PROCLAIM YOUR NAME TO MY BRETHREN, IN THE MIDST OF THE CONGREGATION I WILL IN THE **FUTURE** SING PRAISE YOUR **FUTURE** PRAISE." And again, "I WILL IN THE **FUTURE** CHOOSE TO HAVE BEEN PUTTING MY TRUST IN HIM." And again, "BEHOLD, I AND THE CHILDREN WHOM GOD HAS GIVEN ME."

### We Are Worth It

Those who lived by faith prior to His resurrection and those who have lived and are now living by faith

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<sup>8</sup> This passage has dual meaning in that Jesus received gifts from among men, but He also gave gifts to men, as the Spirit clarifies in this passage. "And He gave some as Apostles, and some as Prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ." ***Ephesians 4:11-13***



and are now believing, now overcoming, are Jesus' payment, His recompense by the Father for all His pain, agony, grief, and anguish. And we are worth it. Yes, we are His reward, we are His family, we are His love. And when Jesus returns, He will come with us fulfilling His promise that we shall always be with Him wherever He goes.<sup>9</sup>

### He Comes with His Reward

#### ***Zechariah 14:5***

...Then **Yahweh** my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

#### ***Isaiah 62:11-12***

**Yahweh** has sent this message to every land: "Tell the people of Israel, 'Look, your Savior is coming. See, **he brings his reward with him as he comes.**'" They will be called "The Holy People" and "The People Redeemed by **Yahweh.**" And Jerusalem will be known as "The Desirable Place" and "The City No Longer Forsaken."

Those who have endured in faith and have bet their lives on the name of **Yahweh** are the Holy People, the People Redeemed by **Yahweh**, the Chosen ones, the beloved, the bride, the true church, the holy city, the New Jerusalem, the wife of the Lamb. They are the prize, Jesus' reward, and His precious gift from the Father.

### All His Holy Ones: Angels Too

By way of clarification, when Jesus returns, He will come with His reward, with all His holy ones, which includes the angels (the good ones).<sup>10</sup>

## Payback

In the last part of our passage, Jesus speaks of payback or a recompense.

#### ***Revelation 22:12***

Behold, I choose to **now** come quickly, and My reward with Me, to render to every man according to what he **now** does.

In most translations, the use of the *present* tense is ignored, and they render it in the *past* tense, "what he has done." But that is not what the **Code** says, the Spirit intentionally uses the *present* tense. In our now is how the Spirit wanted us to understand this passage: "to render to every man according to what

<sup>9</sup> **1 Thessalonians 4:17; John 12:26, 14:1-3; Matthew 28:20**

<sup>10</sup> **Matthew 25:31**

he **now** does.”

Clearly, this is not addressing the bondservants of Jesus Christ, for they are His reward, and they will return with Him because they were previously raptured to Him, and with Him they will always be. They have already undergone their judgment and transformation and at this point share in His divine nature (hence, the prior image of the city itself, including its streets, being comprised of pure gold<sup>11</sup>).

Instead, this speaks of a reckoning that Jesus intends to have with everyone else, no exceptions. He will render to each man according to what he now does; there will be no escape. This is a huge **WARNING!** Each person will get their comeuppance. It is guaranteed.

Again, with the use of the *present* tense, “*what he **now** does,*” in every moment of time, the Spirit is speaking to everyone in their now. No one will escape the consequences of the choices they are now making. Their deeds are being recorded in the books, and they will be judged by what is written in the books. And if anyone’s name is not found written in the book of life, that person will be thrown into the Lake of Fire and forever suffer the consequences of “*what he {or she} **now** does.*”<sup>12</sup>

It seems like forever the wicked have gotten what they want in this life. They seem to prosper while the righteous seem to just suffer. But that is only for a time, and it is only for **Yahweh’s** purposes. On the day of Jesus’ return, that will all come to a screeching halt. The phrase, “*you will reap what you sow,*” will finally come to its full and complete fulfillment.

### **Galatians 6:7-8**

You are commanded to not **now** be caused to be deceived, God is not **now** caused to be mocked; for whatever a man may **now** sow, this he will also in the **future** reap. For the one who is **now** sowing to his own flesh will from the flesh in the **future** reap corruption, but the one who is **now** sowing to the Spirit will from the Spirit in the **future** reap eternal life.

We have studied the outcome of those who love the “**ME**” and therefore are drawn to the Harlot and the Beast and the Image of the Beast, and do not now and continually bet their lives on the name of **Yahweh**, and it is horrifying. But as of now, this is still a **WARNING**. There is still time to both be converted (born again) and to dig down in your soul and choose to live like a little child dependent upon **Yahweh** for all things all the time.<sup>13</sup> It is how one becomes a child of God—it is how one becomes a bondservant of Jesus Christ and gets to live in **unrestrained freedom** in Christ.

The relationship of those who are **willing** to let God help them choose to live as sons is separate and distinct from all those in His household who are converted but choose to live as slaves subject to the law. Their destiny is judgment according to “*what he {or she} **now** does,*” for they have known the truth and still chose to exchange the truth for a delusion that is built on religion, duty, the law, and self-aggrandizement or self-exaltation.

<sup>11</sup> **Revelation 21:18, 21**

<sup>12</sup> **See Revelation 20:11-15**

<sup>13</sup> **Matthew 18:3**

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Yet, as of now, it is not too late for anyone to be *willing* to choose to drink from the fountain of living water, as Jesus said, *"If anyone may **now** be thirsty, he is commanded to **now** dig down deep in his soul and choose to come to Me and is commanded to **now** drink. He who is **now** believing in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will in the future flow rivers of **now** living water'."*<sup>14</sup>

And **INVITATION** contrasted with a **WARNING**.

Let's stop here and in our next podcast we will pick up with a recapitulation of the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

I am glad you "tuned in" and have been "ready to listen."

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<sup>14</sup> **John 7:37-39**