

## STUDY NUMBER SIX

"Here's What You Need to Remember" - 3:1-7

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### TEXT:

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v6. Through which the world at that time was destroyed by being flooded with water

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New Country Song: "I Tried to drown my  
Sorrow but the little  
bugers learn to swim

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Aggie: Throwing Five Crackers  
At A Guy From U.T. & The Guy  
From U.T. was lightning them  
Throwing them back. --

## INTRODUCTION:

"How to Win the Game of Life: Written By One Who Did"

1. In our first study we have considered  
"Here's What You Have"  
Our key verse tells us that His divine  
power has generously given to us everything  
pertaining to life and godliness.
2. Study #2 - "Here's What You Do"  
We have looked together at the seven  
virtues which we are to make every  
intense effort to provide lavishly in  
our faith.
3. Study #3 - "Here's How I'll Help"  
Peter makes a commitment to these believers  
to keep on stirring them up by way of a  
reminder.
4. Study #4 - "Here's What You're Going to Face"  
The apostle warns of false prophets and  
the certainly of judgment upon them.
5. Study #5 - "Here's How They Look"  
Describes the enemy for us.
6. Here's what you need to remember!

The Bible makes a tremendous emphasis upon remembering.  
Many times remembering counsel and advice or just remembering  
what we know from the Scriptures and previous experiences  
in our walk with the Lord can be our greatest means  
of defense.

## Luke 22:19ff

v.19 Then he took a loaf, and after thanking  
God, he broke it, and gave it to them, with these  
words, This is my body which is given for you:  
do this in remembrance of me.

v.20 So too, he gave them a cup after supper  
with the words, This cup is the new agreement  
made in my own blood, which is shed for you.

Thief on the Cross!  
Joseph in Prison!



Ephesians 2:11ff

The apostle Paul says,  
v.11 Do not lose sight of the fact that you were born Gentiles, known by those whose bodies were circumcized as the uncircumcized;  
v.12 You were without Christ; you were utter strangers to God's chosen community, the Jews, and you had no knowledge of or right to the promised agreements; you had nothing to look forward to and no God to whom you could turn.  
v.13 But now through the blood of Christ you who were once outside the vale are with us inside the circle of God's love and purpose,  
v.14 For Christ is our living peace

2 Peter 1:12-15

v.12 Therefore, I shall always be ready to be reminding you concerning these things, even though you know them and have been firmly established in the truth which is present with you.  
v.13 Indeed, I am considering it my duty (right) as long as I am in this tent to keep on stirring you up by way of a reminder;  
v.14 Knowing that the laying aside of my earthly tent is very soon, even as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.  
v.15 Indeed, I will also do my best, that at any time after my departure, you may be able to call these things to mind.

*Thinking right + Acting right + Go Together Remembering + Meditation*

Richard J. Foster in his book Celebration of Discipline says, "No doubt part of the surge of interest in Eastern meditation is because the churches have abrogated the field. How depressing for a university student, seeking to know the Christian teaching on meditation, to discover that there are so few living masters of contemplative prayer and that nearly all of the serious writings on the subject are seven or more centuries old. No wonder he or she turns to Zen, Yoga, or TM.

"Meditation was certainly not foreign to authors of Scripture:

'And Isaac went out to meditate in the field in the evening' (Genesis 24:63)

'I think of thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the watches of the night' (Psalm 63:6)

*Go hand in hand*

*II Cor. 10:5*

*I Peter 1:*

*As a man*

*in his heart*

*So is*

*Phil. 2:5*

*4:8*

"These were people who were close to the heart of God. God spoke to them not because they had special abilities, but because they were willing to listen. The Psalms virtually sing of the meditations of the people of God upon the law of God:

'My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate upon thy promise' (Psalm 119:148)

"The psalm which introduces the entire Psalter calls all people to emulate the blessed man whose

'delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night' (Psalm 1:2)"

*"Let the words of my mouth + the meditations of my heart."*

v. 1 This already, beloved, is a second letter I am writing to you, in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,

"This" epistle "already, beloved" and they are beloved because of their relationship with the Lord Jesus; and how different the address is from the "them" that was described in chapter 2; "is a second letter I am writing to you."

It is believed that the first epistle of Peter is the first letter that had been written to them.

*So concerned he wrote them A Second !!*

"in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder."

*I Peter 1:13*

Back in chap. 1:13 he committed himself to "as long as he lived to keep on stirring them up by way of a reminder."

And now, the way he is accomplishing this is in the writing of this letter.

He uses the term "sincere mind" because he knows that they are for real and that their faith is sincere.

*He knows they are real + genuine...*

It is well for us to notice the contrast between the "them" in 2:22 and "beloved" in this verse.



v. 2 That you should remember the words spoken previously by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.

He is stirring up their sincere minds by way of a reminder, and that is now specified that you should remember the words spoken previously by the holy prophets.

This is the holy prophets, not the false or unholy prophets that we have been studying about in chapter 2.

chap. 1:19-21

"And we are having the prophetic word as something altogether reliable, to which you are doing well to be paying attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. But knowing this, first of all, that every prophecy of Scripture is not originating from one's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men, being carried along by the Holy Spirit, spoke from God."

They are admonished to remember two things:

*It's the word!!*

1. The words spoken previously by the holy prophets
2. The commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.

*About X  
Scarlet Thread*

The commandment referred to here is probably the commandment in John 13:34,35

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This commandment probably really stuck out in Peter's mind because of his experience in John 21 -

*upper Room 3 Times...  
where Are You going?*

With Christ on the shores of the Sea of Galilee in his resurrected body when he posed the question three times as to whether or not Peter loved him.

Don Francisco sings a song called "Love Is Not a Feeling"

So you say you can't take it.  
The price is too high.  
The feelings have gone, it seems the river's  
run dry.  
You never imagined it could turn out so wrong.  
You give and give and give and still it's never  
enough.  
Your emotions have vanished, that once held the  
thrill.  
You wonder if love could be alive in you still,  
But that ring on your finger was put there to  
stay.  
You'll never forget the words you promised that  
day.

Jesus didn't die for you because it was fun.  
He hung there for love because it had to be done.  
And in spite of the anguish His word was fulfilled.  
Because love is not a feeling, it's an act of  
your will.  
Love is not a feeling, it's an act of your will.

Now I wouldn't try to tell you that it's easy  
to stand  
When Satan's throwing everything that's at his  
command,  
But Jesus is faithful, His promise is true,  
And whatever He asks He gives the power to do.

But you know He didn't die for you because it  
was fun.  
He hung there for love because it had to be done  
And in spite of the anguish His word was fulfilled,  
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Peter calls the Lord Jesus "Lord and Savior" in this  
second verse.

Lord before Calvary

Saviour After " . . .

Understands the Significance of Calvary!!



So the apostle in these first two verses gives us the key to study #6 - "Here's What You Need to Remember":

1. The words spoken previously by the Holy prophets.
2. The commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles

Ps. 119:9, 11

Josh. 1:8

thy words were found. . .

Divine Imperative = Ye must be Born Again

Ps. 1:

v. 3

Knowing this, first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own desires,

Why is it necessary to be remembering the words spoken by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord? Because "knowing this, first of all," that is, this is top priority, "that in the last days" here Peter the prophet is speaking:

1. "mockers will come with their mocking"
2. "following after their own desires"

Free to do their thing if it isn't true!!

The first speaks of their LIP and the second speaks of their LIFE.

Their lip and their life are described in this verse.

Just as they mocked Jesus while He hung upon the cross, so they now are mocking the Word of God.

The mocking is an excuse or a defense or a coverup for the way of life that they are leading.

"They are following after their own desires"

chap. 2:2

"And many will follow their inclination to sensuality and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned."

God's  
dead destroys  
Absolutes  
No Account.

Living word  
Written "

chap. 2:14

"Having eyes that are full of desire."

chap. 1:4

"Through which things He has generously given to us His precious and exceeding great promises, in order that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the destruction in the world caused by desire."

Psalm 139:20

"For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain."

Weisiger points out, "The other issue is moral. The scoffers would walk after their own lusts. To deny Christ's return with its attendant judgment is to weaken moral incentive and to invite careless living. More than we know, the prevalent looseness of our day may be associated with the cherished illusion that any abrupt end of the age is a foolish fancy of fanatics, and that an awful judgment by a Christ in flaming glory is utterly impossible. True believers should know and remember that God never breaks a promise. His word is sure, though the vision may tarry."

Matt. 27:27

"Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole Roman cohort around him; and they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him; and after weaving a crown of thorns, they put it on his head; and a reed in his right hand; and they kneeled down before him and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews; and they spat on him and took the reed and began to beat him on the head. And after they had mocked him, they took his robe off and put his garments on him and led him away to crucify him."



Matt. 27:39

"And those who were passing by were hurling abuse at him, wagging their heads and saying, You who destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself. If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross. In the same way the chief priest, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him and saying, He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him now come down from the cross and we shall believe in him. He trusts in God; let him deliver him now, if he takes pleasure in him. For he said, I am the Son of God. And the robbers also who had been crucified with him were casting the same insult at him."

v. 4

And saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming?' For ever since the fathers fell asleep all things are remaining just as it was from the beginning of creation.

Their mocking will be in the form of a question:

"Where is the promise of His coming?"

chap. 1:4

"Through which things he has generously given to us his precious and exceedingly great promises in order that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the destruction in the world caused by desire."

"Where is the promise of His coming?"

John 14:

"Let not your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you. For I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself, that where I am, there you may be also."

The Father spoke the demons  
dined, The Son has come & we  
been left behind. - I wish  
we'd all been  
ready.

God rendered judgment  
last night...

You are weighed in  
the balances

Matt. 24:30

"And then the sign of the Son of man will appear in the sky; and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory."

Matt. 24:35ff

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. For the coming of the Son of man will be just like the days of Noah."

Matt. 24:42

"Therefore, be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming."

*The Question is not "if" but "when" he is coming !!*

Acts 1:9-11

"And after he had said these things, he was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while he was departing, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. And they also said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched him go into heaven."

*Parable  
Watching  
Working  
Waiting*

*1 Cor. 15:51-54 ; 1 Thess. 4:16-18 ; Tit. 2:12,13*

The mockers are saying that nothing significant has happened since the creation of the world.

The reason given for their mocking question is seen in the latter part of verse 4: "For ever since the fathers fell asleep (that is, the patriarchs and the prophets) all things (that is, business is as usual) are remaining (nothing is changing) just as it was from the beginning of creation."



Habakkuk the prophet certainly had this problem in his little prophecy:

"How long, O Lord, will I call for help and you will not hear? I cry out to thee violence, yet thou dost not save. Why dost thou make me see iniquity and cause me to look on wickedness? Its destruction and violence are before me. Strife exists and contention arises. Therefore, the law is ignored and justice is never upheld, for the wicked surround the righteous. Therefore, justice comes out perverted."

The Lord answers:

"Look among the nations; observe; be astonished; wonder, because I am doing something in your days you would not believe if you were told."

The prophet responds by saying:

"I will stand on my guardpost and station myself on the rampart, and I will keep watch to see what he will speak to me."

The prophet ends his prophecy by saying:

"Though the fig tree should not blossom and there be no fruit on the vines, though the yield of the olive should fail and the fields produce no food, though the flock should be cut off from the fold and there be no cattle in the stalls, yet I will exalt in the Lord. I will rejoice in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength, and He has made my feet like hind's feet and makes me walk on my high places."

Morris West in his book The Clowns of God says, "When a man becomes a clown, he makes a free gift of himself to the audience; to endow them with the saving grace of laughter, he submits to be mocked, drenched, clouted, crossed in love. Your son made the same submission when he was crowned as a mocked king, and the troops spat wine and water at his face. My hope is that when he comes again, he will still be human enough to shed a clown's gentle tears over the broken toys that once were women and children."



During the fall of every year, hurricanes frequently strike the Southeast and Texas Gulf Coast of the United States. Many hours before the hurricane strikes the Weather Bureau issues warnings to areas likely to be devastated. As a storm approaches, tides and wind begin to rise and the weather grows more ominous. During this time, people board up windows, moor their boats, store food and water, and make every preparation for the winds, rain and high tides. Only a fool would not prepare for the storm, because so many signs of its approach are apparent. In the same way, the signs of our age and the increasing world problems indicate that Christ's coming is drawing nigh. In light of this, the Christian who refuses to prepare for Christ's coming is unbelievably foolish.

The hymnwriter says it well:

\* "When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound,  
And time shall be no more,  
And the morning breaks eternal bright and fair.  
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the  
other shore,  
And the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.

On that bright and cloudless morning  
When the dead in Christ shall rise,  
And the glory of His resurrection share,  
When His chosen ones shall gather to their home  
beyond the skies,  
And the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.

Let us labor for the Master from the dawn til  
setting sun,  
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care.  
Then when all of life is over and our work on  
earth is done,  
And the roll is called up yonder I'll be there."

Smith points out, "Christ's first coming was the expectation of nations. This next is the expectation of Christians.

\* "Look up and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh' (Luke 21:28) Our eyes are still dropping in this valley of tears but we look for the gracious beams of the sun of mercy that shall dry them up. No Jew did ever more earnestly wish for the Jubilee, no servant so desireth the end of his years, no stranger so longs to be at home, no overlaiden soul so groaneth

Storm  
Scared the  
devil out of  
me!!

Israel is A  
Nation  
Wars + Rumor  
OF Wars.  
Bear in  
North  
Oil Fields



for ease, no soldier so heartily contendeth to have his wars determined with conquest as the saints expect the promise of this coming of Jesus Christ. It is the strength of their hopes, the sweet object of their faith in the midst of all sorrows, the comfort of their hearts, the heart of their comforts, the encouragement of their wearied spirits, the life of their encouraged souls.

"Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly."

Nisbet points out, "Because the believing consideration of Christ's second coming is a special means to make Christians thrive in grace and holiness, and to guard their hearts against temptations, therefore the apostle having pressed growth in grace and holiness in the first part of this epistle (chap. 1) and guarded against the infection of error in the second part (chap. 2), does in this last chapter where in is the third part of the epistle, defend and clear the doctrine of the last judgment and show what use believers should make thereof."

v. 5 For when they are maintaining this, it is escaping their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water.

In this 5th verse now we have Peter's defense. It begins with the word "for" which gives us the reason.

"When they are maintaining this (that is, that everything is just the same as it was from the beginning of creation) it is escaping their notice (they are failing to recognize what God has done) that by the word of God:

1. the heavens existed long ago
2. the earth was formed out of water and by water."

The word of God was the instrument of creation.

God just Spoke All of This into being

John 1:1

"In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God."



His Word

v. 6 Through which the world at that time was destroyed by being flooded with water

chap. 2:5

"And did not spare the ancient world but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly."

His word said - ~~'Shut the door!'~~  
Get in Noah  
'Shut the door!'  
Let it rain...

v. 7 But the present heavens and earth by His word have been reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

Again, it is by His word as we have back in verse 5 that the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water; and now "by His word have been reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men."

He Created  
He Reserved  
He Destroyed

- ① in v.5 He Created it!
- ② in v.7 He destroyed it!

BY HIS WORD

Chap. 2:17

"These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, for whom the blackness of the darkness has been reserved."

Final Stages of Countdown  
Before Ignition!!

chap. 2:4

"For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them down into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, being reserved for judgment."

So the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment.

You Are Just A "word" From  
your eternal destiny.

Sir James Jeans says, "Everything points with overwhelming force to a definite event, or series of events, of creation some time or other, not infinitely remote. The universe cannot have originated by chance out of its present ingredients, and neither can it always have been the same as now."

The Lord will descend from heaven with A shout...  
O! His word is powerful "let there be light"  
"Lumen come forth"

In The Fullness of Time  
God sent forth  
Go!



Rev. 1: And I heard behind me A Loud voice  
A voice like the Sound of many waters. -

when He Speaks things happen.

Out of His mouth came a sharp - Tw edged  
Sword...

He Spoke And the gates of hell went  
under... The earth - quaked And Sinners  
Trembled - the Saints will start to sing  
we have been redeemed ...

Lincoln Barnett, in summarizing Albert Einstein's thought (and with Einstein's endorsement) says, "The universe is thus progressing toward an ultimate 'heat-death' or as it is technically defined, a condition of 'maximum entropy' when all the processes of nature will cease. If the universe is running down and nature's processes are proceeding in just one direction, the inescapable inference is that everything had a beginning: somehow and sometime the cosmic processes were started, the stellar fires ignited, and the whole vast pageant of the universe brought into being. Most of the clues, moreover, that have been discovered at the inner and outer frontiers of scientific cognition suggest a definite time of Creation."

The day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men is the great white throne judgment recorded in Rev. 20:11-15 -

"And I saw a great white throne, and him who sat upon it from whose presence earth and heaven fled away; and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne. And the books were opened, and another book was opened which is the book of life. And the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it. And death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them. And they were judged, everyone of them, according to their deeds. And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire: this is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."

Moyer in his thesis The Eschatological Implications of 2 Peter 3 says, "The divine acts of the creation and the flood support the fact of the second coming. God broke into history to recreate the earth using water (3:5). God again stepped into history to judge the past world with the universal flood (3:6). God will again enter history to judge the universe (3:7)."



John 14:1-6

- v. 1 Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me.  
v. 2 In my Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you. For I go to prepare a place for you.  
v. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also.  
v. 4 And you know the way wherein I am going.  
v. 5 Thomas said to him, Lord, we do not know where you are going; how do we know the way?  
v. 6 Jesus saith to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me.

Laird in his thesis The Testimony for a Universal Flood From 2 Peter 3 says, "We feel there are two basic lines of evidence for a universal flood in 2 Peter 3: the word kataklysmos and the context of the passage. Every other time this word is used in the context is that of a catastrophic worldwide event. In Matt. 24:38,39 Jesus compares the coming of the flood in Noah's day to His own second coming:

'For the coming of the Son of man will be just like the days of Noah, for as in those days which were before the flood, they were eating and drinking. They were marrying and giving in marriage until the day that Noah entered the ark. And they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away. So shall the coming of the Son of man be.'

One of the parallels between these two events would surely be the devastating nature of it for the wicked but also the comprehensiveness of it. We are assured that Christ's coming will be known worldwide.

Matt. 24:27

"For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so shall the coming of the Son of man be."

Not just locally, as the first advent was. Perhaps, even as he writes against those denying the second coming, Peter is remembering this very comparison he had certainly heard from the Lord.



In 2 Peter 2:5 Peter uses the word in connection with the flooding of the world of the ungodly. The formation and use of the word itself seems to indicate an intensive connotation in the fact that there are two other words found in the New Testament translated flood. The argument from the context in 2 Peter 3 is in a context which demands a universal, worldwide application and could by no means be considered a local event.

We have been considering together "Here's What You Need to Remember."

And we have been told to "remember the words spoken previously by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles."

There are going to be those who are going to question His coming, and whether or not He is going to be faithful to fulfill those promises and prophecies which we are remembering.

Peter has made it quite clear that the very fact that God has created all of this in the past and destroyed it with the universal flood, and that now He has spoken that the present heavens and earth are also reserved for a future day of judgment.

The argument seems to be that the fact that He has done what He has in the past affirms the fact that He will do in the future that which He has promised.

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Rom. 6:2 Grace & Forgiveness is still Available! *Lot of Last Minute Shoppers!*

Lewis B. Smedes in his book How Can It Be All Right? says, "Forgiveness at bottom is a very simple sort of miracle. Forgiveness is a new beginning. Forgiveness is starting over and trying it again with the person who caused you pain. Take God for instance: When God forgives, He offers us a new start with Him. He holds out His hand and says, Come on, take it. I want to be your friend again. In spite of everything, I want to be with you. And I want to be under you, and over you and in you, as the loving power of your existence. I am not going to let anything you do get in my way. So let's begin again. This is what God does when He forgives. He breaks down the walls we build and gets into the backyard of our souls to make a new relationship. If God had not found inside himself the power of love to



forgive, there would be no future for the likes of us. But He found it, and the hope of the whole world is vested in His readiness to make a new beginning with us, a million new beginnings if they are needed. So everytime an ordinary person discovers the power to begin again in a relationship with someone who caused him needless pain, he walks in stride with the living God."

CONCLUSION:

What are some of the lessons that we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: It is Peter's purpose to stir them up by way of a reminder.

LESSON #2: We need to remember the words of the prophets and the commandment of the Lord.

LESSON #3: We should not be surprised by the mockery of those who know not the Christ.

LESSON #4: It is not always going to be business as usual because God is faithful to fulfill his promises.

LESSON #5: Judgment is certain because God has promised that it will happen.

LESSON #6: The best way to remember is to memorize it and hide it in your heart.

LESSON #7: The best defense is to remember what you know.

1 Cor. 15:58

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord."

It is awfully good to remember in the midst of inconsistent and pressing circumstances that there is still the promise, the challenge is in the midst of present imperfections to believe in the ideal. God has promised and He will be faithful to fulfill that promise.

Rev. 19

- v. 1 And after these things I heard, as it were, a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying Hallelujah, salvation, and glory and power belong to our God,
- v. 2 Because his judgments are true and righteous, for he has judged the great harlot who is corrupting the earth with her immorality, and he has avenged the blood of his bondservants on her.
- v. 3 And a second time they said, Hallelujah. Her smoke rises up forever and ever.
- v. 4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God who sits on the throne, saying, Amen, Hallelujah.
- v. 5 And a voice came from the throne, saying, Give praise to our God, all you his bondservants, you who fear him, the small and the great.
- v. 6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the sound of many waters, and as the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, Hallelujah, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.
- v. 7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to him; for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.



v.11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he who sat upon it was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and wages war.

v.12 And his eyes are a flame of fire, and upon his head are many diadems; and he has a name written upon him which no one knows except himself.

v.13 And he is clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and his name is called The Word of God.

v.14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following him on white horses.

v.15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it he may smite the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron, and he treads the winepress of the fierce wrath of God the Almighty.

v.16 And on his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

"All hail the power of Jesus' name  
Let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at his feet may fall.  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown him Lord of all."