

Waiting for the Coming of His Son

by Andrew Murray

Waiting on God is the only true preparation for waiting for the coming of Christ, and it gives our lives a tone of hopefulness and joy.

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Description

Andrew Murray emphasizes the inseparable connection between waiting on God and waiting for the return of His Son, Jesus Christ. He teaches that true preparation for Christ's coming involves seeking God's presence and power in our lives, which fills our waiting with hope and joy. The anticipation of Christ's return not only unites the church but also prepares believers for a glorious meeting with Him and each other in divine love. Murray highlights that genuine love for Christ must also extend to fellow believers, as this love fosters unity and readiness for His coming. Ultimately, those who love deeply are the most prepared for the return of their Savior.

Transcript

Waiting on God and waiting for His Son were both initiated in view of the other and cannot be separated. Waiting on God for His presence and power in our daily life is the only true preparation for waiting for Christ in humility and true holiness. Waiting for Christ's coming to take us to heaven gives waiting on God its tone of hopefulness and joy. The Father, who in His own time will reveal His Son from heaven, is the God who, as we wait on Him, prepares us for the revelation of His Son. This present life and the coming glory are inseparably connected in God and in us.

"Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:12-13, NKJV) is one of the great bonds uniting God's church throughout the ages. "He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe" (2 Thessalonians 1:10, NKJV). Then we will all meet, and the unity of the body of Christ will be seen in its divine glory. It will be the meeting place and the satisfaction of God's love: Jesus receiving His people and presenting them to the Father; His people meeting Him and worshiping Him as never before; His people meeting each other in the bond of God's love. Let us wait, long for, and love the appearing of our Lord and heavenly Bridegroom.

Tender love to Him and to each other is the true and only bridal spirit. Jesus refuses to accept our love unless it is expressed also to His disciples. Waiting for His coming means waiting for the glorious unity of

the body while we attempt to maintain that unity in humility and love here on earth. Those who love most are the most ready for His coming.

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