

# Continual Praise / Revelation 16:13-15 (When Jesus Comes Unannounced, Will Your Garment Be Spotless?)

by Hans R. Waldvogel

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of letting Jesus control our lives, redeeming our time, and continually praising Him, in order to live a life that is pleasing to God and ready for eternity.*

**Scripture:** 1 John 1:3, Revelation 16:13

**Topics:** "Spiritual Vigilance", "Continual Praise"

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## Description

Hans R. Waldvogel emphasizes the urgency of continual praise and spiritual vigilance in the face of life's fleeting nature, urging believers to keep their garments spotless for the return of Christ, who will come unannounced. He highlights the importance of living a life led by the Holy Spirit, restoring lost time and embracing a relationship with Jesus that transforms daily actions. Waldvogel calls for self-examination and repentance, reminding the congregation that true fellowship with God is found in living out His Word and maintaining a heart of worship. He warns against complacency and the distractions of the world, encouraging believers to be watchful and ready for Christ's return.

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## Transcript

Selected Verses:

1 John 1:3. That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Revelation 16:13-15. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. 15Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Matthew 7:24. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.

Opening:

[Message in tongues]

"Time passes so swiftly. It's enough to scare a person. Your life ebbs away so fast. It ought to wake you up and make you question yourself and say, 'My Lord, where am I going?' There is no going back, and there is no holding up of the time. Everything is moving at a tremendous pace, and every one of us in this meeting and everyone round about you is headed for an eternal destiny. And it ought to wake you up, and it ought to scare you a little bit unless you have learned that one grand lesson of redeeming the time--or rather, letting Me control your life.

"If it is Myself that has been able to take hold of your heart and your thoughts and your actions--of your body--and making a temple of the Holy Ghost, then you don't need to be scared. Then, you ought to be rejoicing very greatly for 'He that soweth unto the Spirit shall reap of the Spirit life everlasting.'" And those who have learned to take Me into their lives--into their daily lives--will find that 'one day with the Lord is as a thousand' and is exceedingly valuable. And every moment of your life, you'll find again in eternity as a grand asset, if you have learned to place yourself at My disposal and to take Me moment by moment.

"And My offer tonight is the same. If you have wasted your time and if you have to look back with remorse, let Me remind you of the fact that I'm able to 'restore the years which the cankerworm hath eaten.' And I'm able to bring victory out of defeat. All I ask of you is that you come with your defeat and your loss and your lost time, and come to Me just as you are and say, 'Jesus, from henceforth, it shall not be myself anymore to determine my actions or my time or my life or my thoughts in this world, but it shall be You.' And I'll take over and everything will be well."

To me, a meeting is a very valuable meeting because I realize that as I place myself into the hand of Jesus, He works by the power of the Holy Ghost, and He works wonders. He really does "exceeding abundantly above all that I could ask or think." I found out that when I come to meet with Jesus in meeting with real earnest desire, He turns sometimes the whole meeting in my direction. He just sort of fixes up the meeting for me--for my need. He's done that many times.

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Selected Quotes:

I know that everybody cannot speak in tongues or interpret tongues or prophesy, and that is not necessary. I believe, though, that many more would have these gifts of the Holy Ghost operative within them if they were willing to do the things that seem to be little--if they were willing to say, "Hallelujah! Hallelujah, glory to God!"

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A woman said she couldn't lift her hands. I said, "How do you hang up the wash?" What a silly excuse, praise the Lord! But I never put up my hands but a blessing comes down.

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I think the simplicity that Jesus Christ calls for is so very sweet. He doesn't ask you to make an eloquent sermon or to put on a show, but He asks you to let His praise be continually in your mouth. What have you got in your mouth tonight?

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The Pharisees, who were certainly Bible students like nobody else, they said, "What must we do to please God?"

Jesus Christ says, "This is what you do: believe on Him whom He has sent. Eat the Bread that God my Father will give you."

And they said, "O God, give us that bread."

He said, "I am that Bread of life." And beloved, the only way to study the Bible successfully and fruitfully is to live it.

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We're abominable in the sight of God, and what a blessing when God can show me myself as I look in His sight and make me say, "Wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" And then He points me to One...to Jesus the crucified.

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How we ought to pray that God might send His two-edged sword and unsheathe it, and send conviction into the ranks of God's people! Beloved, the great trouble in the world today is not to be laid at the feet of the communists, but it's the church of Jesus Christ that has failed God.

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"Behold, I come as a thief"--that means unannounced, unnoticed by the great world. They'll go on with their battles; they'll go on with their pornography and with their sin and with their defilements. And the church will go on with their polemics and with their theology and with their conventions and all that. And somewhere, Jesus Christ will find a single soul that keeps their garment unspotted.

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Illustrations:

Comments on chewing gum. "What is continually in your mouth?" (from 7:52)

Friendship with an airline pilot. "The loudspeaker was bellowing and barking there for [the captain] to come, but he couldn't come without me. And Jesus can't move without me and without you. He can't. He said, 'I'll come again and receive you unto Myself.'" This story can also be found in recording 4B around 14:12. (from 14:47)

Modern Bible translations likened to defiled soup. "I don't like these newfangled Bible translations. I like the solid King James version, and Martin Luther's version because they were given somehow through the instrumentality of the Holy Ghost." (from 19:40)

Comments on nuclear weapons. (from 33:13)

German at 9:30:

Tu den Tiger in den Tankrein. "Put a tiger in your tank." This was a marketing slogan used by Esso starting with the introduction of their premium gasoline in 1959. The actual German for the slogan is "Pack' den Tiger in den Tank."

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