

COME

Int.

1. Aim: To discuss some important lessons with the word "Come"
2. Gen. 7:1 NKJV "Then the LORD said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation."
 - a. This is only the fifth time the word COME is used in the Bible
 - b. Noah and his family were invited by God to Come into the ark
 - c. God had seen righteousness in that family.
 - d. When God says COME it is an indication of fellowship
3. Rev. 22:17 NKJV - this is the next to the last time the word COME is found in the Bible

"And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely."

 - a. The word COME is used 3 times in this verse.
 - b. God is still pleading for man's fellowship
 - c. This proves that God loves us and desires our salvation
 - d. 2 Pet. 3:9 ESV "The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. "
4. God's door of mercy is now open, but one day it will be closed - Matt. 25:10-12 Parable of The 10 virgins shows that one day His mercy will be no more
5. Throughout the Bible the Lord is saying COME - notice to what He calls us:

Discussion

I. COME TO REST

A. Rest sometimes means to relax physically

1. Abraham greeted the angels by saying "...rest yourselves under the tree" Gen. 18:4
2. It is a great blessing to be able to rest when we are tired.

B. Matt. 11:28-30 "Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke [is] easy, and my burden is light."

1. Two times the word "Rest" Occurs
 - a. The first time means forgiveness of sin
 - b. The second time means eternal rest
2. David seemed to have this in mind in Ps. 55:6 He said: "And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! [for then] would I fly away, and be at rest."
3. Illustration: There is a long steep path in Scotland. At the top of it is a stone inscription reading: "Rest and be Thankful."
4. At the end of this life God will say to the redeemed: "Rest and be thankful."
5. Rev. 14:13 says: "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed [are] the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

C. Come to Rest

II. COME TO KNOWLEDGE

- A. Knowledge is the beginning point for the sinner.
1. We must learn to come to the Father - Jn. 6:44-45 "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me."
 2. Paul tells Christians to increase "in the knowledge of God." Col. 1:10
- B. How does knowledge come to us?
1. In the old days it came directly from God to some people - Heb. 1:1-2 "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by [his] Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;"
 2. Today God has given us His inspired word - 2 Tim. 3:16
 3. We must study to increase our knowledge
 - a. Jn. 5:39 "Search the scriptures"
 - b. Rom. 10:17 "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
- C. Notice four things every Christian must know
1. **Truth** - Jn. 8:32 "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."
 2. **Will of Lord** - Eph. 5:17 "Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

3. **The Doctrine** - 1 Tim. 4:16 "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."
4. **The Lord** - Heb. 8:11 "And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest."

D. Illustration: Years ago in South America a traveler had difficulty in one little section of the country. He was trying to pay for things in Gold and the natives would not accept it. They had never seen Gold and did not know its value.

E. Many people do not increase their knowledge of God's word.

1. It could be because they do not understand its value.
2. Ps. 119:103 NKJV "How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!"

III. COME TO SATISFACTION

A. Come to Jesus and Drink

1. Jn. 7:37b "if any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink."
2. Jn. 4:13-14 NKJV "Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 "but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."
 - a. Woman of Samaria
 - b. If you drink the water that I give then you shall never thirst again
 - c. Living water - spiritual satisfaction

3. Rev. 22:17 NKJV - Water of life ---- "And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely."

B. John 10:10b NKJV - abundant life in Jesus satisfies "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

IV. COME TO DISCIPLESHIP

A. Luke 14:27 NKJV - come and follow me "And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple."

1. A disciple is a learner
2. We are to be a disciple all our life

B. As a disciple we should learn to:

1. FEAR GOD

- a. Deut. 17:19 "...that ye may learn to fear the Lord his God,..."
- b. Eccl. 12:13 "...Fear God, and keep his commandments."
- c. Prov. 1:7 "The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of knowledge: [but] fools despise wisdom and instruction."

2. OBEY HIS COMMANDMENTS

- a. Ps. 119:73 "...give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments."
- b. Pro. 19:16 NKJV "He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, But he who is careless of his ways will die."

3. DO WELL

- a. Isa. 1:17 "Learn to do well:...."
- b. It means to be pleasing, to be well favored, to satisfy.
- c. Ecl. 8:12 "...surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him."

4. NOT TO THINK OF MEN TOO HIGHLY

- a. 1 Cor. 4:6 "And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and [to] Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think [of men] above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another."
- b. That which is written is from God
- c. Men are frail and often make mistakes

C. As a disciple we learn the truth and obey it.

V. COME TO INHERITANCE

A. MATT. 25:34

1. We are heirs of God - Rm. 8:17 "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with [him], that we may be also glorified together."
2. Our prize is eternal life - Mark 10:30 "But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life."

B. Satan seeks to destroy our inheritance by destroying our faith

1. 1 Cor. 10:12 "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."
2. 1 Pet. 5:8 ESV "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."

C. Here are some ways he seeks to destroy our faith:

1. Dampens our zeal
2. Makes us selfish at heart
3. Takes all our time from the Lord
4. Causes us to be neglectful
5. Instills hatred into our hearts

D. We shall receive our inheritance after the judgment!

1. Eternal life now in prospect, or promise, not actuality
2. Tit. 1:2 ESV - Hope "in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began"

CONCLUSION

1. COME = word used many times in the Bible
 - a. Near the First of the Bible - Noah and family - Gen. 7:11 - fellowship with God
 - b. Next to the Last time - Rev. 22:17 - God invites us to come to Him
2. Come in obedience = HBRCB = salvation
3. Then continue to come to him for:
 - a. REST
 - b. KNOWLEDGE
 - c. SATISFACTION
 - d. DISCIPLESHIP
 - e. INHERITANCE
4. Come to Jesus

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