



SERMON OUTLINE FOR MAY 12, 2013

COME LORD JESUS, COME! (Revelation 22:20)

Introduction: *A 'come Lord Jesus prayer' in seminary...*

- I. WE HAVE ALL IN SOME WAY PRAYED
A 'COME LORD JESUS PRAYER'
 - A. Often we wish He would come sooner than later
 - B. The Church through the ages has prayed this prayer (Revelation 22:20)
- II. WE PRAY THIS FOR TWO BASIC REASONS
 - A. We pray this because it is not safe here (Revelation 22:15)
 1. Look at our world today (note the news headlines...)
 2. It's not just the blatant but also the "sneaky" evil around us
 3. This evil tempts us to live like the unbelievers all around us
 - B. We pray this because we want to go home
 1. The children's song: *Heaven is A Wonderful Place*
 2. Heaven is home because Jesus is there
 3. God *has placed eternity in our hearts* (Ecclesiastes 3:11)
- III. WE PRAY 'COME QUICKLY',
BUT JESUS HAS NOT ANSWERED THIS PRAYER YET
 - A. So He makes us an offer as we travel through this life:
come where He is to be found (Revelation 22:17)
 - B. Where? -- in the midst of His family / our temporary home...
the Church
 - C. *"An ice storm & a temporary home in a storm..."*
 - D. Here we are welcomed... clothed... fed... & given a place to rest
 - E. Here we are reminded that one day we will truly be home,
tears replaced with joy

Conclusion:

"Tears wiped away at the front door... 'Daddy's come back!'"