

PRAYING THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Revelation - Ask for the full revelation of Jesus to our hearts. The revelation of Jesus as He is and not as we may imagine Him to be.

"The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place." - Revelation 1:1a (ESV)

"Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him." - Revelation 1:7 (ESV)

"And in the midst of the lamp stands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead." - Revelation 1:13-17a

"I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and Hades." - Revelation 1:17b-18

"Calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of their wrath has come and who can stand?" - Revelation 6:16-17

"Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them." - Revelation 20:11 (ESV)

Response to the Revelation - Ask for grace and strength to secure the blessing that comes from responding to the revelation of Jesus. There are three particular responses we desire to press into which are reading, hearing, and keeping the prophecy. Ask for understanding and strength to persist in the reading and study of what God has revealed. Ask for "ears to hear" which is a prominent exhortation in the book of revelation. Finally ask for persistence faithfulness in obedience to what God has revealed.

"Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near." - Revelation 1:3 (ESV)

"And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." - Revelation 22:7 (ESV)

A 3-fold Revelation of Jesus - Ask the Father to give us a three fold revelation of Jesus as 1) Faithful Witness - the only One who is Divine and can give us truth about God (John 3:22-36), 2) Firstborn from the Dead - the only One that had the power to overcome death and also has power to resurrect us, and 3) Ruler of the Kings of the earth - the present and future governmental ruler over all creation.

"And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth." - Revelation 1:5 (ESV)

"And he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father." - Revelation 2:27 (ESV)

First Love - Set our hearts to keep our first love and ask the Lord for the power of the Spirit to keep our first love.

"But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen, repent, and do that works you did at first." - Revelation 2:4-5a (ESV)

Works - Set our hearts towards works that are acceptable to God. Ask God to reveal heart issues from which our works flow. Let our works flow from a heart that is alive.

"I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false." - Revelation 2:2 (ESV)

"I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first." - Revelation 2:19 (ESV)

"I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God." - Revelation 3:1-2 (ESV)

"I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name." - Revelation 3:8 (ESV)

"I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot!" - Revelation 3:15 (ESV)

Conquerors - Set our hearts to be conquerors. Ask God for power and understanding to be a conqueror. Jesus offers massive rewards for this, so it is critical that we conquer.

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God." - Revelation 2:7 (ESV)

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death." - Revelation 2:11 (ESV)

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it." - Revelation 2:17 (ESV)

"The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations" - Revelation 2:26 (ESV)

"The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels." - Revelation 3:5 (ESV)

"The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven and my own new name." - Revelation 3:12 (ESV)

"The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne." - Revelation 3:21 (ESV)

"And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death." - Revelation 12:11 (ESV)

"And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire - and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands." - Revelation 15:2 (ESV)

"The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son." - Revelation 21:7 (ESV)

Keep His Works - Ask for revelation to know what Jesus is doing. Set our hearts to be committed to what He is doing in our day and time. Ask for grace to "watch over" and "keep in view" the works that Jesus is doing and then for strength in obedience to do those works along with Him.

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Faithfulness and Freedom from Fear - Commit ourselves to be faithful unto death that we may receive His reward. Ask for strength to overcome faithlessness and fear. Ask God for strength to not fear suffering.

"Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life." - Revelation 2:10 (ESV)

Pillar in God's Temple - Ask for grace to be a pillar in God's temple; to be one that is firm and strong and helps to lift up His temple. Set our hearts before the Lord asking Him to make us conquerors so that in the age to come we never have to leave His temple, but can remain in the presence of the King of creation.

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Hold Fast His Name, Keep His Word, and Not Deny the Faith - Commit our hearts to keep the Word through daily study and obedience. Commit our hearts to keep His name. Ask for grace to keep His Word, hold fast to His name and to not deny the faith under pressure, both in the present trials and the great coming trial.

"I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells." - Revelation 2:13 (ESV)

"Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent." - Revelation 3:3 (ESV)

"I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name." - Revelation 3:8b (ESV)

"Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth." - Revelation 3:10 (ESV)

"I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown." - Revelation 3:11 (ESV)

Idolatry and Sexual Sin - Commit to keep ourselves from idolatry and sexual sin. Ask for grace and strength to keep ourselves pure in these two areas.

"But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality." - Revelation 2:14 (ESV)

"But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols." - Revelation 2:20 (ESV)

Ears to Hear - Ask that God would give us ears to hear what He is saying in our generation and in this hour. Ask that every obstacle would be removed in our hearts so that we would hear the Spirit clearly. Note that Jesus repeatedly gave this same admonition in the gospels.

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." - Revelation 2:7a (ESV)

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." - Revelation 2:11a (ESV)

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." - Revelation 2:29 (ESV)

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"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." - Revelation 3:13 (ESV)

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me." - Revelation 3:20 (ESV)

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." - Revelation 3:22 (ESV)

Buy Gold, White Garments and Eye Salve - Ask the Lord for His gold. Set our hearts to buy what is gold and valuable from Him. Receive and clothe ourselves in white garments and righteous deeds. Ask that the Lord would heal our eyes that we may see clearly having His perspective.

"I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the same of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see." - Revelation 3:18 (ESV)

"Behold I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!" - Revelation 16:15 (ESV)

"And it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure - for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints." - Revelation 19:8 (ESV)

"Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates." - Revelation 22:14 (ESV)

Feed on the Word of God and Declare it with Authority - Set our hearts to feed on the Word of God (the scroll), both the sweet and the bitter, considering it to be as necessary as bread. Ask for power and authority on the declaration of the Word of God. Ask that God would raise up those who have fed on the word of God and can prophesy it to the nations.

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." - Matthew 4:4b (ESV)

"Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, 'Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.' So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, 'Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.' And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter. And I was told, 'You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings.'" - Revelation 10:8-11 (ESV)

Rewards and the Fear of the Lord - Set our hearts on the rewards the Lord offers. Ask for the fear of the Lord that gives us wisdom and clarity in living.

"The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth." - Revelation 11:18 (ESV)

Endurance and Faith - Ask the Lord for endurance and faith through every dark hour. Set our hearts towards a long race embracing endurance and bold confidence in the Lord's promises. Ask for a revelation of the glory that will break in on the Day of the Lord. Keep our hearts free of offense during whatever trials may come.

"If anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword he must be slain. Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints." - Revelation 13:10 (ESV)

"Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus." - Revelation 14:12 (ESV)

Faithfulness unto Death - Keep our hearts faithful unto the point of death. Set our hearts that we can be bold in death knowing that we finished well.

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!'" - Revelation 14:13 (ESV)

Stay Awake, Clothed in Clean Garments Living Holy - Ask the Lord to keep our hearts awake and alert at all times. Put on the garments the Lord provides to keep us clothed and pure. Embrace and long for holiness that our garments remain clean and washed.

"Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!" - Revelation 16:15 (ESV)

"It was granted her (the bride) to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure - for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints." - Revelation 19:8 (ESV)

"Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy." - Revelation 22:11 (ESV)

"Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates." - Revelation 22:14 (ESV)

Protection from the Harlot Babylon - Ask the Lord to keep us from the Harlot Babylon and from spiritual adultery. Examine our heart with a desire to purge our hearts of anything that would bring compromise, idolatry, or immorality.

"Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, 'Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues'" - Revelation 18:4 (ESV)

Praise in Confidence of Ultimate Victory - Maintain a heart of praise in full confidence of God's ultimate victory. Keep our hearts in the full confidence (Hebrews 11:1) of God's promises regardless of the trials up to the Day of the Lord.

"And from the throne came a voice saying, 'Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.'" - Revelation 19:5 (ESV)

Preparation - Commit our hearts to make ourselves ready for the Lord's appearing. Ask the Lord to send His Spirit to lead us in preparation that we might be ready for His appearing. Ask that all the saints might be prepared as a suitable companion for Jesus.

"Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;" - Revelation 19:7 (ESV)

Thirst and Living Water - Ask God to make our hearts thirsty for living water. Set our hearts to those things that increase our own thirst whether it be prayer, fasting, the Word, or other tools. Keep our hearts that we only quench our thirst with the water that God supplies. Ask God to grant an overflow of living water that it might be a well in us and an overflow to others.

"And he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.'" - Revelation 21:6 (ESV)

"The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.'" - Revelation 22:17 (ESV)

Urgency - Ask God to give us a spirit of urgency for the house in which we live and a spirit of longing for the return of Jesus. Set our hearts to long for His return rejecting those things that would cause us to be dull towards the issue of His appearing and embracing those things that increase our longing.

"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done." - Revelation 22:12 (ESV)

"The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price." - Revelation 22:17 (ESV)

"He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" - Revelation 22:20 (ESV)