

He is spoken of in this character the chord is touched, and the instinctive cry is, "Come!" No amount of intelligence merely will produce this. And what a difference between expecting the Lord Jesus, because He has made me and His saints a part of Himself and His bride, and looking for His coming to judge poor sinners. Now mark the practical effect of this looking for Jesus. It takes the heart clean out of the world up to heaven. If my heart is right in its affections for Him, I am looking too straight up on high to take notice of the things around me. Plenty of things there are around in the world, plenty of bustle and turmoil; but it does not disturb the blessed calm of my soul, because nothing can alter our indissoluble relationship with a coming Jesus, as nothing should divide us in hope.

To see this coming of the Lord Jesus for the church changes the character of a thousand Scriptures. Take the Psalms, for instance, those which speak about judgment on the ungodly, such as "the righteous washing their feet in the blood of the wicked." We are not the persons who say this; it is the language of Jews, and of godly Jews too, who will be delivered through the rod of power smiting their enemies when all the tribes of the earth will wail because of Him. But do I want my enemies destroyed to get to Christ? Certainly not. I shall leave them to be with Him. (It is a sorrowful thought, indeed, though we recognize the just