



THE LORD SHALL APPEAR IN HIS TEMPLE

In Acts chapter 1 and verse 11, speaking of the ascension of Jesus, the Bible says, "And they all said. Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven. will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven". Did people see Him going up? Yes, He went up to heaven. He was taken up into heaven. Many of the people watching Him ascend into heaven were troubled in their hearts. And the Scripture says in the same manner He will come back!

He is not coming back as a thief but He is going to come back in the same manner as He went up into heaven. The people of God were around Him when Jesus was lifted up. The Scripture says, "in like manner the Son of Man will come back". Yet there are many who say, "He is coming and we shall go away with Him!" And I want to tell you beloved, the same Jesus shall come back in the same manner. For several years the tradition of man and the mind of the flesh has been teaching, "we are going away". I declare that He says in His Word that He is coming back. We are not going away! Rather He is coming to us! And He who has to come will come and shall not delay. Trust in Him. Many people are harping and emphasizing that the church is going to ascend and vanish. But I want to tell you that the Word of God does not teach this. Before the Lord comes back "in like manner" for all to see, the Lord Jesus Christ is going to appear unto His people. So we can look forward to the appearing of our beloved Jesus rather than to the disappearing of the church. This is confirmed again by the Scriptures.



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"Behold, I will send my messenger and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But

It is exciting to know that the same Jesus will come back to us. He is going to come back in His glory. By the breath of His nostrils He is going to consume all the wicked. But before that, the Lord 'whom you seek shall suddenly appear in His temple'. We know that the Lord Jesus Christ came in His flesh the first time. "And the word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and 'truth" (John 1 :14). God came to dwell among men. God Almighty housed Himself in human flesh. The Scripture says they shall call Him Emmanuel, which means 'God with us'. There is nothing so awesome as this Almighty God, the omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent God wrapping Himself in the flesh of men and dwelling upon this earth. No wonder the angels began to praise Him. No man or any person has ever touched God. But the Lord Jesus told His disciples, "If you have touched me you have touched the Father for I have come to reveal my Father in this place". We have such a tremendous God! And let me tell you that the Almighty God who wrapped Himself in human clothing did this for a purpose. Paul said to Timothy, "great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh (I Timothy 3:16). It is truly a great mystery that God should be manifested in the flesh. This is something the world had never seen before. And this Jesus lived among us in the will of the Father and left for us something far more precious than anything that has ever emerged from the thoughts of mankind. In other words, our great and mighty God who says that the heavens are His throne and the earth is His footstool, had put on the flesh and come to live among men. Glory, hallelujah! He came down and lived amongst us that we may behold and radiate His glory. He did not come so that some of us may be evacuated and rescued from the earth making out as if God could do nothing for us ! Jesus said," It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter, will not come unto you" (John 16:7). Let us quietly reflect upon this thought

*who may abide
the day of his
coming? and who
shall stand when
he appeareth? for
he is like a
refiner's fire, and
like fuller's soap"*
Malachi 3:1,2

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