



## Warning: “I Hold This Against You”

*“Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.”*  
*Revelation 2:4-5 (NIV)*

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**Prayer Focus:** Jesus revealed Himself to the Apostle John in a thunderous and magnificent way. With eyes blazing like flames of fire and a sharp two-edged sword coming from His mouth, Jesus spoke words of both comfort and warning. The presence of Jesus was so brilliant that John fell on the ground as though dead. The Coming King wanted a “course correction” in His churches! As Jesus addressed the churches, He had words of warning for some of them: “I hold this against you, so repent!” Many of the churches were doing good things in service to the Lord. He commended them for faithful endurance, speaking truth, guarding against evil, and doing good works. But they also displayed displeasing characteristics: loss of devotion to Christ, tolerance of sin, and ultimately being spiritually dead. Jesus made it clear: “I am the one who corrects and disciplines everyone I love. Be diligent and turn from your indifference” (Rev. 3:19, NLT). Jesus’ warning remains true to His Church until He comes again. Repent and be prepared for His return!

**Day 1:** Worship Jesus for His love for His Church.

**Day 2:** Confess to the Lord any ways that you have lost your first love and true devotion to Him.

**Day 3:** Repent of tolerating sin or spiritual deadness in your life.

**Day 4:** Invite the Lord to open your eyes to see your heart as Jesus truly sees it, that you might repent and be healed.

**Day 5:** Pray that all believers in Jesus Christ will have a powerful revelation of the holiness of Christ.

**Day 6:** Pray that your church will examine itself against the standards that Jesus established with the churches in Revelation. Pray for a spirit of repentance.

**Day 7:** Pray that the churches in your community will be pure and holy before the Lord, and that the blazing fire of Jesus Christ will saturate your community.

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## Jesus Christ as Our Coming King

**K**ing Jesus is coming back! As the disciples watched the Lord Jesus ascend into heaven, they were confronted by two angels. Luke records it this way:

*They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:10-11, NIV).*

The return of the Lord Jesus Christ is the Church's blessed hope. From the time of the disciples until today, we look and long for the return of our King Jesus. This time He will not come as the Gentle Shepherd. He will come as the Sovereign King over all creation.

What a wonderful cause for hope and rejoicing! For those who know and love the Lord Jesus Christ, there can be no greater fulfillment of their faith than when they see their Savior face to face. He is the ultimate object of our faith, and we long for that day when our "faith will be sight." Every true believer has a heart filled with the longing and expectation of seeing Jesus in all His glory. His return as Coming King will be the completion of His role as our Savior, Sanctifier, and Healer.

The return of Jesus is a time of hope and expectation for those who belong to Him. But it should also be a challenge to sober reflection and self-examination. The return of the Lord Jesus Christ is to be a motivation for holy living in this world. Every believer should desire to live a life pleasing to the Lord and worthy of the Lord's commendation of "well done, good and faithful servant" (Mathew 25:21, 23). When He comes as King, He will come in truth and power. He will fulfill His promises as the ultimate answer to the needs of this sinful world.

As believers, our lives should be lived in the light of our "blessed hope" of His return. From the time that He ascended to the Father, until this very day, the joyful expectation and cry of the Bride of Christ has been a prayer in concert with the Holy Spirit, as expressed in Revelation 22:20:

*Come, Lord Jesus!*

## Transformation: Jesus in Our Midst

As we pray about transformation; we need a common definition of what a truly transformed community might look like:

### A transformed community is:

- A neighbourhood, city, or nation whose values and institutions have been overrun by the grace and presence of God.
- A place where divine fire has not merely been summoned, but has fallen.
- A society in which natural change has been disrupted by invasive supernatural power.
- A culture that has been impacted comprehensively and undeniably by the Kingdom of God.
- A location where Kingdom values are celebrated publicly and passed on to future generations.

### Community transformation is indicated when:

- Political leaders publicly acknowledge their sin and dependence on God. (2 Kings 11:17-18; 23:1-3; Jonah 3:6-9).
- New laws, curricula, and business practices are put into effect (2 Chronicles 19:4-10; Nehemiah 10:31).
- The natural environment is restored to its original life-nurturing state (Leviticus 26:4-5; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Ezekiel 34:27-31).
- Economic conditions improve and lead to a discernible lessening of poverty. (2 Chronicles 17:3-5; Psalm 144:13-14; Isaiah 60:5-7; Amos 9:13).
- There is a marked change in social entertainment and vices as Kingdom values are integrated into the rhythm of daily life (Ezra 10:1-4; Nehemiah 8:10, 16-17; Acts 19:17-20).
- Crime and corruption diminish throughout the community
- (2 Kings 12:13-15; Nehemiah 5:6-12; Isaiah 60:17-18).
- Volunteerism increases as Christians recognize their responsibility to heal and undergird the community (Isaiah 58:10-12; 61:1-4).
- Restored hope and joy leads to a decline in divorce, bankruptcy, and suicide (Nehemiah 12:27-28, 43; Isaiah 54:11-14; 61:3-7; Jeremiah 30:17-19; 31:11-13; Hosea 2:15).
- The spiritual nature of the growing socio-political renewal becomes a hot topic in secular media (2 Chronicles 20:29; Nehemiah 6:16; Isaiah 55:5; Ezekiel 36:36; Acts 19:17).
- Overwhelmed by the goodness of God, grateful Christians take the embers of revival into surrounding communities and nations (2 Chronicles 17:9; Isaiah 61:6; Acts 11:20-26).

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