



**SERIES: October “Back to the Future”**

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**Scripture: Revelation 22:6-7**

**TITLE: Now What?**

“Take my hand if you want to live.” These are the words Arnold Schwarzenegger delivered to Sarah Connor in the movie Terminator 2. Thankfully, we don’t live in a world filled with cybernetic terminators sent to kill. But we are faced with a choice: Do we take Christ’s hand and follow him or not. Christ has said, “Come with me if you want to live.” And we have a choice. One choice leads to death and the other life.

But how much time do we have to make this decision? Jesus has the answer for us today in Revelation 22:6-7 (ESV).

And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

“And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

John is wrapping up his Revelation from Christ. He has had visions of what is to come in the future. Visions of tribulation, the return of Christ, ruling, judgment, and eternity. And how John records the words of the angel in verse 7. The angel says, “These words are trustworthy and true.” In other words, they may be the fantastic and at times unbelievable, but it is all true. Just you wait.”

He says that this Revelation was to show his servants what soon must take place. Again, the term *doulos* is used. It’s a “bondservant.” Someone who was a voluntary slave. This is who we are today. We are thankful servants of our Savior and Lord. The point of the angel is that as servants of the King, we are to follow – to endure faithfully. We know how the story ends, so let’s live each day intentionally.

Notice in verse seven that it is no longer the angel that is talking. Now it is Jesus. He says, “I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

Now, we haven’t studied the whole book of Revelation, but how do we keep the words of a prophetic book? Simple. Live on purpose and for a purpose with Heaven in mind. Christ is coming back at any time. Live like it.

I often give my kids an assignment before I leave. Clean the main floor. Clean your rooms. Get the yard done before I come home. I'll be home in a bit. This is meant to delegate purpose with a sense of urgency.

Jesus is doing the same for us today.

So here's my challenge for you today: live on purpose. Jesus is coming back at any time. He has given us the simple task of following Him each and every day. You can't be following Jesus if you're sinning or sitting idle. He calls us to live a life glorifying God with heaven in focus.

So today, live a life pleasing to Him. If you're not a follower of Christ, know that you have a choice to make. You can take Jesus' hand into heaven or spend it separated from Him in hell. He wants you to take His hand in faith. Do so today.

Jesus said, "I am coming back soon." To that, I say, "Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus! I am ready!"