

MESSAGE: Revelation 22:16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

THE INTRODUCTION: ANKLE WEIGHTS

Their Purpose

The Ankle Weights of Life

Making Things Lighter

1 Peter 5:6-7 ...humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, (7) casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

Proverbs 4:18 But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.

Counter Weights

Psalms 31:9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; My eye wastes away with grief, Yes, my soul and my body!

Comfort and Joy?

Stress Relievers

Habakkuk 3:17-19 Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls— (18) Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. (19) The LORD God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet, And He will make me walk on my high hills. To the Chief Musician. With my stringed instruments.

ADVENT SEASONS

The Greater of the Two

Acts 1:9-11 Now when He (that is, Jesus) had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. (10) And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, (11) who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

THE TEXT

The Promise

Revelation 22:7 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

Revelation 22:12-13 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. (13) I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

Revelation 22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

The Anticipation

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The Four Points

It is personal—I, Jesus, have sent you this message.

(It) is commended from the fountain it comes, from—I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify these things in the churches. These are not John's inventions nor the sayings of an angel out of his own head, but they are from me. I own them all. I, Jesus--taking his name to himself, have sent my angel in more than ordinary way to reveal these things to my servant John and by him to the churches to the end of the world. DURHAM

It is the Jesus of history here speaking, who is also the Christ of theology and the Lamb of God. AT ROBERTSON

Revelation 22:3-5 ...there shall be no more curse,

but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. (4) They shall see His face, and His name *shall be* on their foreheads. (5) There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

Revelation 22:15 ...outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

Psalms 43:3-5 Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle. (4) Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God. (5) Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.

It is formally attested to.

Luke 2:10-14 "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. (11) For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (12) And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." (13) And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: (14) "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Fear not then, said the Angel
Let nothing you affright
This day is born a Savior
Of a pure Virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's pow'r and might
Oh tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

1 Thessalonians 4:14-18 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. (15) For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. (16) For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. (17) Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to

meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. (18) Therefore comfort one another with these words.

God rest ye merry gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior
Will come another day
To gather all His saints above
Where they will ever stay
Oh tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

Luke 2:16 ...they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Luke 2:20 ...glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told

I am the Root and the Offspring of David.

Isaiah 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

Isaiah 11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

Romans 1:3-4 ...Lord, ...was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; (4) And (was) declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead...

He is the Bright and Morning Star.

John 1:4-9 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. (5) And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. (6) There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. (7) This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. (8) He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. (9) That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

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shall reign forever and ever.

Romans 8:10-11 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. (11) But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

John 14:1-3 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. (2) In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. (3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

While in the meantime, He is our Luminary, or Morning Star to guide and encourage us in the darkness of this world.
DAUBUZ

As Christ by his first coming, who was then the dayspring from on high, put an end to the night of Jewish darkness, and sprung the great Gospel day, so often spoken of by the prophets, and brought life and immortality to light by the Gospel, and showed the way to eternal life by himself; so by his second coming, to which this character refers, he will put an end to the night of antichristian darkness, ...so that there shall be no more night, and shall make an everlasting day, and bring such light into the holy city, that it shall need no candle, nor light of the sun or moon. JOHN GILL