

Return of the Son

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Years ago, I gave a sermon titled "That God May Be All in All." I chose the title of the sermon from the concluding phrase in 1 Corinthians 15:28.

1 Corinthians 15:24, 28—"Then comes the end, when He [Son] delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He [Son] puts an end to all rule and all authority and power . . . Now when all things are made subject to Him [Son], then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him [Father] who put all things under Him [Son], that God may be all in all."

I also quoted John 5:22-23.

John 5:22-23—"For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him."

I proceeded to give 10 ways we can show honor to the Son. This week we will look at the seventh concept—the return of the Son.

Seeds in Old Testament

While some prophecies in the Old Testament pointed to the first coming of the Son of God, other prophecies in the Old Testament pointed to a second coming of the Son of God. Notice a few verses.

- Isaiah 2:2-4
- Daniel 2:44-45
- Daniel 7:13-14

Misunderstood timing

It was common for people to confuse the prophecies of the Son's first and second coming. Many of the people wanted Him to establish God's Kingdom during His physical ministry on earth.

John 6:14-15—"Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, 'This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.' Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone."

He said He would return

During the Son's physical ministry, He mentioned that He was going to return.

Matthew 16:27—"For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works."

He especially mentioned this concept to His disciples just prior to His death.

- Matthew 24:30-31
- John 14:2-3
- John 14:18
- John 14:28

Other references

The New Testament also contains other references about the return of the Son. Following are a few.

Acts 1:10-11—"And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 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.' "

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17—"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. 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."

- Revelation 1:7
- Revelation 2:25
- Revelation 3:3
- Revelation 3:11
- Revelation 3:20
- Revelation 22:12