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The time is near - Part 2

(Revelation 1:4-8)

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⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,

⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

⁷ “Look, he is coming with the clouds,”

and “every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him”;

and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”

So shall it be! Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Three theological truths about the God of the Bible from the text

1. The reality of Godhead: The God of universe is the **triune** God.
2. The specific mission of God the Son reveals the character of God.
3. The certainty of the fulfillment of God’s promise: Jesus is coming again.

TRUTH ABOUT GOD #1 (vv4-5)

God is the triune God. One God three persons!

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Two erroneous ideas on God of the Bible in the history of Christian thoughts

Arianism states that God the Father created the Son out of nothing. The Son was the First of Creation and from Him everything else was created.

Modalism is a “heretical view that denies the individual persons of the Trinity. Modalism views biblical terminology of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as merely modes of existence or manifestations of the one God.”

Matthew 22:43-44

⁴³ Jesus responded, “Then why does David, speaking under the inspiration of the Spirit, call the Messiah ‘my Lord’? For David said,

⁴⁴ ‘The LORD said to my Lord...

Luke 4:18-19

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the LORD is upon me,
for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released,
that the blind will see,
that the oppressed will be set free,

¹⁹ and that the time of the LORD’s favor has come.

Isaiah 35:3-6

³ With this news, strengthen those who have tired hands,
and encourage those who have weak knees.

⁴ Say to those with fearful hearts,

“Be strong, and do not fear,
for your God is coming to destroy your enemies.
He is coming to save you.”

⁵ And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind
and unplug the ears of the deaf.

⁶ The lame will leap like a deer,
and those who cannot speak will sing for joy!
Springs will gush forth in the wilderness,
and streams will water the wasteland.

Luke 4:21

²¹ Then he began to speak to them. “The Scripture you’ve just heard has been fulfilled this very day!”

Acts 5:3-4

³ “Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself.

⁴ The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren’t lying to us but to God!”

TRUTH ABOUT GOD #2 (vv5-6)

The specific mission of God the Son reveals the character of God.

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TRUTH ABOUT GOD #3 (v7)

The certainty of the fulfillment of God’s promise: Jesus is coming again.

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So shall it be! Amen.

Romans 8:18-23

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope

²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

Revelation 1:8

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PRAYER

Father,

When things don't look good, and when the world seems to be confused and frustrated, we believe that You will show us Your grace and Your power more abundantly as we trust You.

So, through this journey, help us to learn to trust You more.

As we go through tough times in life, instead of being disappointed and frustrated, guide us to develop our spiritual ability to depend on Your unchanging promises.

Use this time of difficulties for making Your power and grace more real to us. Thank You for loving us and thank You for helping us to know that love by our heart. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.