

Easter, Day 3
Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Revelation 22:6–11

We have three daughters and I can remember our getting ready for each one. This involved not just having our space at home ready to receive a new baby, but being ready for delivery itself. We did birth classes, we took tours of hospitals, and we met with doulas. We created birth plans and we had a bag packed. All this was done before hand because we wanted to be ready when Sarah went into labour. We had to be ready because when she went into labour there would be an urgency to the situation.

John is reminding the churches of a similar reality. Be ready, because Christ will return quickly! It will be too late then to get on side. The preparation must be done now. This is tied not just to the churches behaviours, but to their mission as well. They are the witnesses to Christ so their witness must be consistent. Again, we have this picture of John falling down in worship, but once more we are reminded that only worship directed toward God and his Lamb is appropriate.

It seems to me that we live in a pretty comfortable place these days. We don't really display an urgency in our pursuit of discipleship or witness (the two are related). We have lost our urgency and maybe that shows that we do not really believe Christ is coming soon. Easter is a annual reminder that what God has begun he is faithful to finish.

Prayer

Lord, help us to be ready for your return. In fact, help us to look forward to it so we might anticipate your new world today. Amen.