

For Still a Little While the Coming One Will Come  
(Heb. 10: 37)

Chapter ten of the letter of Hebrews is complete in its instructions pertaining to the spiritual life. It compares the sacrifices of animals under the law to atone for sins to the ultimate sacrifice of our Lord YAHSHUA, whose sacrifice was done once and for all. The former sacrifice was not able to take sins away; but the blood of YAHSHUA cleansed and purified and forgave the sinner. "A single offering He has forever completely cleansed and perfected those who are consecrated and made holy."

The human priest stood ministering daily, offering the same sacrifice over and over again, which never are able to strip the sins and take them away; but the Lord YAHSHUA after he had offered a single sacrifice for our sins, sat down at the right hand of God (Heb. 10:11, 12). He became our High Priest; He is the wonderful and noble Priest over the house of God (Heb. 10:21). He opened the way for our entrance to His presence and confidently we can draw near to Him. We can hold on to the hope, because He is faithful to His word. His hope will never fail us. His words will never return to Him without accomplishing His purpose for which He sent out and that includes the promise of "For still a little while the Coming One will come". "Still a little while" there is an immense space of time in these words. Many of us have come and gone without experiencing the reality of them in their time. But we cannot faint in unbelief, for the time of the promise to be fulfilled belongs to God. Meanwhile there is much we can do for Him while we wait:

To love and help in a continuous way those who are in need; meeting together to admonish and encourage one another; to live a life of holiness and obedience to Christ; forgiving one another as we are forgiven in Christ; being strong in adversities, never giving up the faith, but facing the trials with endurance and steadfast patience, to be able to accomplish the will of God for the world in darkness of sin. Believing in what has been written and applying it personally to be victorious; looking carefully how we walk, living with a purpose to serve Him, using the time wisely, wanting to know and grasp the will of God. For His intentions are that we will be equipped with all He has given us to minister *toward the building up Christ's body until we all attain oneness in the faith*. These are a few requisites of our faith we must embrace until He comes.

"And the Coming One will come." We know when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is. Everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure (1 John 3:2-3). The promise of His return is mentioned 313 times in the New Testament out of its 260 chapters. Much emphasis is given to the return of Christ in His Word. It is the consummation of our salvation. As we focus on His return it is right to focus also on His holiness as means of our readiness to meet Him. No one goes to her or his wedding unprepared. "The coming of Christ" is a term used when He comes for His church. It will happen through her translation or rapture when He will meet her on the air; the term "Second Coming" is when He comes with His bride to establish His millennium kingdom; when He comes for the Jewish nation.

If our hope is fixed on Him, we will be compelled to walk in holiness by submission to God, by carrying of the cross and following Him. James said, Be **subject** to God, **resist** the devil and he will flee from you; come **close** to God and He will come **close** to you (James 4: 7-8). The Coming of Christ was believed to be imminent by the early Christians. Even Paul and Peter thought that too in their writings to the churches. This is one good reason to seek purify continuously as He is pure. We see the world of today turning upside-down in confusion of morality and everything else. But we Christians are to remain firm in faith with feet shod, standing the grounds of truth, and suffering for Christ with joy. Remember “He Who promised is faithful”. Paul told us to Rejoice and exult in **hope**; be steadfast and patient in **suffering** and tribulation; be constant in **prayer** (Rom. 12:12).

The phrase, “A little while” has many confused in the ignorance of their understanding because they do not know the Author of the promise. Our Lord does not live in a space of time as we do. He is eternal and eternity is his space. If a thousand years is like to Him a day according to Peter and the writer of Psalm ninety-one, then a “little while” must be included in that space of time. Peter mentioned in his second letter chapter three that in the last days scoffers will come scoffing, saying, where is the promise of His coming? For since the forefathers fell asleep, all things have continued exactly as they did from the beginning of creation (2 Peter 3:3-8). Peter defends God’s timing of execution of His promise with two important facts: (1) One day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day to Him and (2) He is long-suffering (extraordinary patient) toward us; He does not desire that any of us should perish, but that we should turn to repentance (II Peter 3:8-9).

The extent of God’s love goes beyond our limited ability to comprehend His purposes and plans. Only by faith we will attain the assurance and confirmation of our hope in His promises. For faith is the proof of things we do not see; it is the certainty of their reality even though we have not experienced them. Faith gives us endurance and patience to wait and finally receive the promise with joy. “The just shall live by faith; and if he draws back and shrinks in fear, My soul has no delight or pleasure in him (Heb. 10:38). Only by faith we can hold on to our belief in His word and by faith our soul is preserved. God delights in the person whose faith has not swayed with the winds of doubts; whose minds have stayed on Him, trusting in Him.

“He will not delay”. In His sovereignty, God planned the time of the consummation of our salvation. We were promised, but we were not told when. For us to think that He is delayed with His promises is because we put a time frame on when He should come. Our time frame is not in harmony with His. He is the author and the consummator of our salvation, not us. We are not to tell Him when, but we are to long for Him and to love His coming. He sees the future as He has planned and all must fall in order of time of His will.

Our glorious compensation will be rewarded to us if we remain steadfast in His Promise: For still a little while, and the Coming One will come and He will not delay (Heb. 10:37); “He Who promised is faithful”!