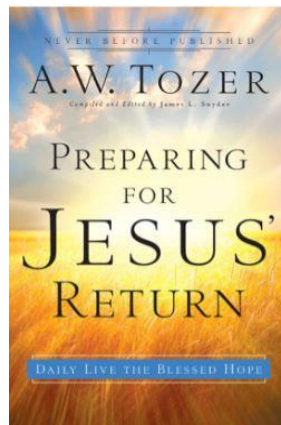


# **Personal or Group Study Guide**

**For Reflection & Discussion**

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### **Preparing for Jesus' Return**



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## Chapter One

### THE SEASON OF THE BLESSED HOPE

*Heavenly Father, I bow before You in humble expectation of Your grace and goodness. May my heart be prepared in righteousness and holiness to receive You when You come. I live each day in the expectation of Your soon return. May I daily live the Blessed Hope.*

To meditate upon the Blessed Hope of the Lord's soon return is a source of great comfort and encouragement to the believer. Tozer points out that we must use caution not to allow our focus to stray away from Jesus Christ, and to courageously keep our attention focused upon the central purpose of the Blessed Hope – our Lord's return. If we are not cautious, we can get stuck in a quagmire of religious trivialities. We must not allow differences of opinion to distract and get us off track from what the Lord would have us to do, and that is to wait with high expectation knowing this could be the day. Let us be filled with the encouragement of the Scriptures, as we continue to fix our eyes upon the Lord our Blessed Hope and His imminent return.

1. What is the purpose of Bible prophecy? (Pg. 11 P.2)
2. In a world filled with all kinds of uncertainty, the believer possesses the comfort of the \_\_\_\_\_, which means \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Bot. Pg. 11)
3. What is the Blessed Hope of the believer? (Pg.12 P. 1)
4. What is the supreme purpose of prophecy? (Pg. 12 P.3)

### His Coming Is Sure \*Read Bot. Pg.12 to Top Pg. 13

5. The Scriptures teach that Christ came and will come for two events. What are they?  
(Pg. 13 P.3)

*“Our hope is not in the fact that one day we shall die, but that Jesus Christ in all of His glory, shall return to earth to rule and reign. This is what I am looking for; it is what I live for.” A.W.T.*

Although we know for sure that He is coming, no one can know for sure when He is coming. Any prediction of our Lord's return that relies on education or technology is sure to be wrong and leads only to discouragement. \*Read Pgs. 14 & 15 Discuss

6. Therefore the point of Bible prophecy is not to \_\_\_\_\_ us, but to \_\_\_\_\_ us to the circumstances leading up to the Lord's return. (Pg. 15 P.3)

## Signs of the Lord's Return

There are five characteristics of this season leading up to the return of Jesus Christ. Write a sentence expressing your thoughts as to the importance of each one.

- A. Messianic Delusions:
- B. Military Prominence
- C. Malicious Domination
- D. Martyrdom of Believers
- E. Moral Decline of the Church

The Scriptures teach that one of the evidences of the last days is this: ***“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.” (Matt. 24:12)***

- 7. Many Christians come to church when it is convenient, this was not so with the early Church Fathers. How was it different back in those days? (Mid. Pg. 19)
- 8. How would you describe your passion for the person of Christ? What has your Christianity cost you? (Pg. 19)

Discuss: (Pg. 18 – 21)

***“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as you see the day approaching.” (Heb. 10:25)***

We need to seriously ask ourselves the question, what is my Christianity costing me? Although in our world today, we have modern conveniences the early Church fathers did not have; our focus should be on our faithfulness to the things that God shows us to do, weather large or small, in that way we are fulfilling His will. Not all are called to foreign countries to preach the Gospel. However, everyone has a mission field that is unique to each one. There isn't anything in this world that is not worth sacrificing, in order to obtain the promised blessings that the Lord gives to all who place their faith and trust in Him, both in this life and in the eternal life that is to come. (Matt. 10:39)

My prayer for the Church is that we would cry out to God in repentance for our complacency, and that our love and passion would revive and begin to grow as the day approaches. It is time to daily search our hearts before God and be alert and ready, for we are in living in the season of the Blessed Hope.

*“Understanding Bible prophecy will create a passion for holy living. To know the Blessed Hope is to live in full expectation of Christ's imminent return. All signs today point to this being the season of the Blessed Hope. Even so come Lord Jesus.” A.W.T.*

Poem: Come Then, Lord Jesus by Horatius Bonar (1808 – 1885)

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