

Focus passage: Revelation 22:1-9

1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

6 And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

7 "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, 9 but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

What stands out to you from this passage?

*What is the source of the river of the water of life, which flows through the city and nourishes the tree of life? **Read James 1:17-18** to see what the source of all good is.*

*We read in verse 4 that we will see God face to face. What do you think that means and what do you think that will do to us? **Read and discuss 2 Corinthians 3:16-18.***

What does it mean for there to be no sun, for the Lord God is our light? What does it mean to live in the light?

Christ's return is described as "soon." Whenever that will be, does it change the way we live if we really believe that Christ will return to earth? If so, how?

Like in verse 8, have there been times when you were tempted to focus more on the person doing the work of God rather than on God himself, and giving God thanks? Why do you think we can be prone to such confusions?

How can you apply this Scripture to your life?

