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## Revelation 22:6-13

6. “And he said to me, ‘These words are faithful and true’; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bond-servants the things which must soon take place.

7. ‘And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds 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, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

9. But he said to me, ‘Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God.’

10. And he said to me, ‘Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.

11. ‘Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and the one who is holy, still keep himself holy.’

12. ‘Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.

13. ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.’”

In this physical life on earth, as God has so structured, there is always a beginning and an end to all things. And so it is today for our Truth Matters program aired on KALS, 97.1 FM radio. This will be our last broadcast for the foreseeable future.

It has been rightly said: “To begin well is good, but to end well is much better.” We started Truth Matters four years ago, in June of 2002. I pray this weekly program has been a challenge and a blessing to all those listening.

The program certainly has been a great learning experience for me, and I praise our Lord Jesus for the opportunity. Trying to condense a meaningful lesson from a portion of Scripture into approximately four minutes and forty seconds was quite a task at times! It took almost three months to finalize the lesson on Ephesians 2:8 and 9, until I was satisfied with it. But to teach on the radio, before an audience I couldn’t see, proved to be the greatest challenge of all. And of course the discipline of writing to meet deadlines caused the Lord and I to grow much closer!

“Thank you” to all who made the past four years of “Truth Matters” possible. Especially the folks at KALS radio, including: Dawn; who believed in our efforts from the beginning, Brad Roush; the station manager who let us fly, Mary Sue at the front desk; for all her encouragement through the years (especially on airing the “Reverend” script), and of course Dave Brown; who

covered up a great portion of my mistakes during taping sessions.

I would like to close today with one of the first Scriptures we started with back in June of 2002--John 12:47-48. Jesus says: "If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. He who rejects Me and My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him on the last day."

Note that the Word of Christ will judge us all on the last day. God is so gracious. Essentially, He has given us a pass/fail test, with the reward of eternal life for those meeting the standard. He has given us all the answers in the Bible--an open book test, no less. And He has given us the rest of our lives to get it right.

. . . Not only this, but according to I Timothy 2:3-4 God wants everyone to pass: "This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

There will be no surprises on judgment day for those who know and do the will of Christ, as clearly written down in the Bible. As Jesus Himself said: "What I say to you I say to all, 'Be on the alert!'"