



# Courageously Celebrate! Our King is Coming to Us!

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# Main Idea

Because Christ our KING is coming to us and will wipe away all our affliction, we have great cause for courageous celebration now.



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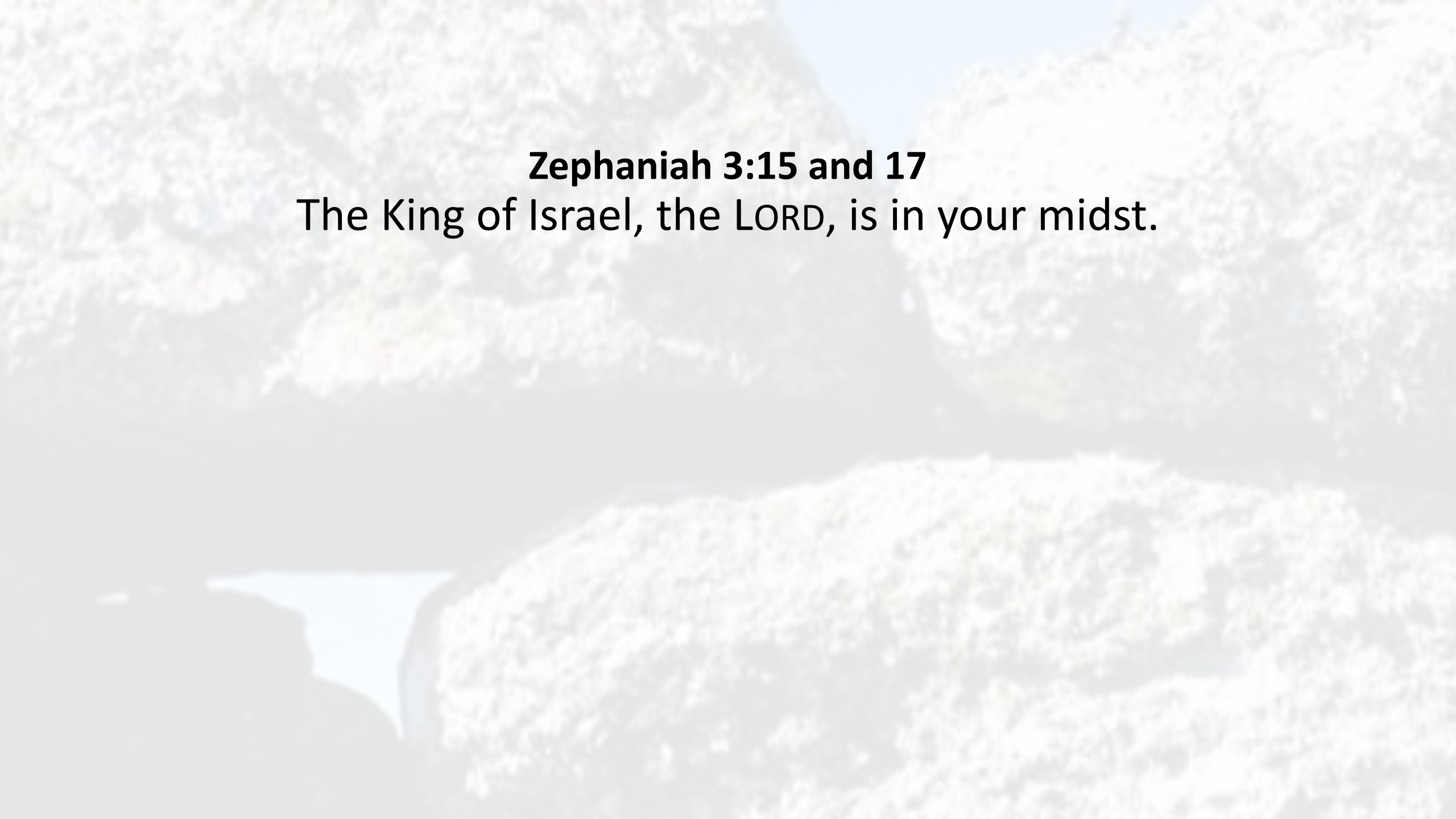
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**Who is it that is coming?**

**The King, the LORD!**





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**The King** of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst.

He is not merely king of a particular  
people, though there is a particular  
people who know Him as King;  
He is **the King of the nations!**

**Psalm 96:10**

“Say among the nations,  
“The LORD reigns!”



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# This King is the LORD!

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The King of Israel, **the LORD**, is in your midst.

This King is the eternal God,  
the holy Judge who *is*!

Psalm 99:1-3

**The LORD** reigns, let the peoples tremble;  
He is enthroned above the cherubim, let the earth shake!

**The LORD** is great in Zion,  
and He is exalted above all the peoples.  
Let them praise Your great and awesome name;  
**Holy is He.**



# Who is coming?

The King, the LORD!

The Christ, **our KING!**

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# Jesus is this Messiah, the Christ our King!

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Jesus said to her,  
“I who speak to you am He.”





He is our Lord, our God, our King!

John 20:28

Thomas answered and said to Him,  
“**My Lord and my God!**”



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When is He coming?



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# In what day?

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**When is He coming?**

He has *already* come!



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**Psalms 2:2-3**

The kings of the earth take their stand  
And the rulers take counsel together  
Against the LORD and **against His Anointed**, saying,  
Let us tear their fetters apart  
And cast away their cords from us!



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I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD:

He said to Me, "**You are My Son**, Today I have begotten You.  
Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,  
And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron,  
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## 1 Timothy 1:15

It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance,  
that **Christ Jesus came into the world** to save sinners.



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He is with us now!



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**Psalm 23:4**

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I fear no evil, for **You are with me.**



**Matthew 28:20**

**“Lo, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age.”**

**Hebrews 13:5-6**

For He Himself has said,  
*“I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,”*  
so that we confidently say,  
*“The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid.”*

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Though Christ has ascended,  
yet He has not left us alone but  
has given us His Spirit to help us!

**John 16:7**

But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for  
if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you;  
but if I go, I will send Him to you.



# When is He coming?

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## He is coming soon!

**Zephaniah 1:14**

**Near** is the great day of the LORD,  
**Near** and coming very quickly;  
Listen, the day of the LORD!

**Zephaniah 3:16**

**In that day** it will be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not be afraid, O Zion;  
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**1 Thessalonians 5:2**

For you yourselves know full well that **the day of the Lord** will come just like a thief in the night.

**James 5:8**

Strengthen your hearts,  
**for the coming of the Lord is at hand.**

# Jesus Christ, the Lord, will come to us!

## Acts 1:11

They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? **This Jesus**, who has been taken up from you into heaven, **will come** in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”

## 1 Thessalonians 4:16

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.



Christ our King is coming soon,  
and that will be a day of celebration  
for His people but a day of great  
terror for His enemies.



# **Our King is Coming to Us!**

Who is coming?

When is He coming?

What will He do when He comes?



**What will He do when He comes?**

He will wipe away every enemy!



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The Lord will not only clear away His own enemies, but He will clear away *every* enemy—His and ours.

# What is the background for Zephaniah?

## Deuteronomy 33:26-29

There is none like the God of Jeshurun,  
who rides the heavens to your help,  
and through the skies in His majesty.

The eternal God is a dwelling place,  
and underneath are the everlasting arms;  
and He drove out the enemy from before you,  
and said, "Destroy!"

So Israel dwells in security, the fountain of Jacob secluded,  
in a land of grain and new wine;  
His heavens also drop down dew.



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**Luke 10:19**

Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.

We have nothing to fear;  
the Lord has defeated every enemy.  
No harm can come to us now!

# What will He do when He comes?

He will wipe away every enemy!

He will wipe away every tear!





# Looking Back...

Isaiah 25:8

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## **Revelation 21:1-4**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.



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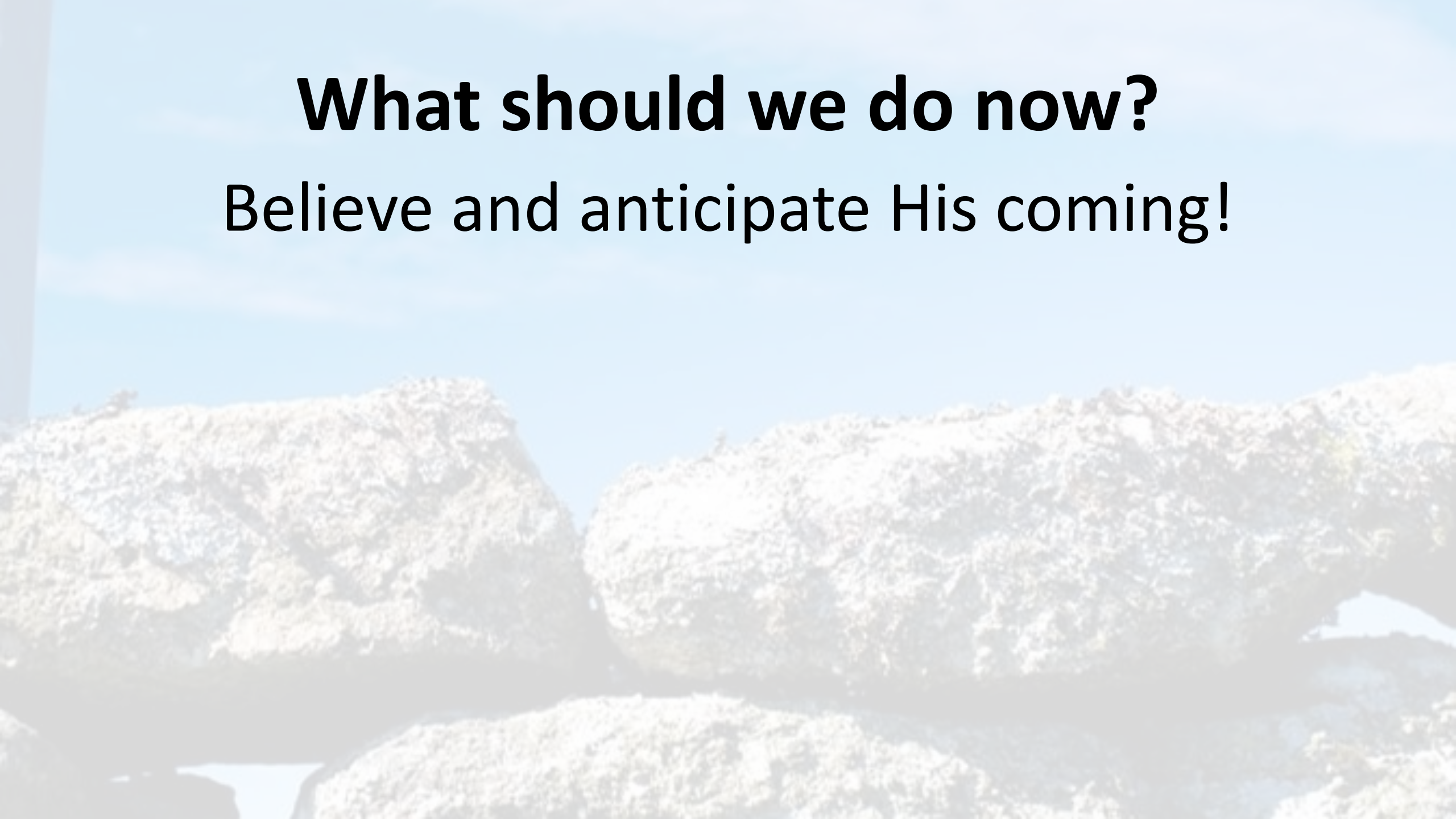
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## **What should we do now?**



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**What should we do now?**  
Believe and anticipate His coming!

# What they did not do!

Zephaniah 3:2

She did not trust in the LORD;  
She did not draw near to her God.



What should we do?

**Believe!**

**Acts 16:31**

“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.”

**Romans 10:9**

If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord,  
and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead,  
you will be saved.

# What should we do?

## Anticipate His coming!

James 5:7-8

Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains.

You too be patient; strengthen your hearts,  
for the coming of the Lord is at hand.



# What should we do now?

Believe and anticipate His coming!

Anticipate His coming and  
courageously celebrate!

# What were they to do?

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This was in the face of judgment  
and without knowledge of  
a risen and triumphant Christ!

How much more should we  
anticipate our coming King  
knowing He has risen?

How much more should we  
courageously celebrate knowing  
that He is returning soon?



**Isaiah 25:9**

And it will be said in that day,  
“Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited  
that He might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.**

## **Romans 5:1**

Therefore, having been justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom also we have obtained our introduction  
by faith into this grace in which we stand;  
**and we exult in hope of the glory of God.**



# **Conclusion:**

The promise that Christ our KING is coming to us and that He will wipe away all affliction, is the basis for enduring hope and the cause for courageous celebration even now.