

“I am coming quickly and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.” (Rev. 22:12)

- “I am coming quickly” means that the Lord’s coming will happen suddenly. Bible scholars describe Christ’s return as “imminent,” something that is at hand and can happen at any time (Matt. 24:42-44; Mk. 13:32-37; Lk. 12:35-40; Jas. 5:7-9).
- At His coming Jesus will recompense us for our works, the things we have done since we became a believer (Matt. 16:27; 2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Pet. 1:17; Rev. 11:18). This recompense at the Judgment Seat of Christ may be positive or negative, according to our works being good or bad (2 Cor. 5:10; Eph. 6:5-8; Col. 3:23-25). However, if we sincerely confess any sins, these sins will not be held against us at this judgment (Prov. 28:13; 1 Jn. 1:9).
- The Bible has two great principles of truth:
 - 1) “Eternal Salvation by Grace through faith” (apart from works). Our eternal salvation was secured for us at the moment we believed (Jn. 3:16; 5:24; Acts 13:38-39; Eph. 1:13-14; 2:4-9).
 - 2) “Reward According to Works.” Our “reward (recompense) according to works” is future, when Christ returns. That reward has nothing to do with our eternal salvation. It deals primarily with our status in the 1,000 year kingdom age when Christ rules on the earth from Jerusalem (Is. 24:23; Micah 4:7-8; Matt. 19:27-29; 25:31; Rev. 20:4-6).