The Eternal State
PART V
Revelation 22:6-11

**Main Thought** John’s description of the eternal state includes its **context** (20:1-2), **citizens** (21:1-8), **city** (21:9-22:5), and current **challenges** (22:6-21).

**Its Challenges** (22:6-21).

**Keep His Word** (6-11).

**Affirm the Word** (6). Here the entire prophecy in the book of Revelation (1:1) and the entire Bible is affirmed as **trustworthy** (GK = pistoi – believable) and **true** (Josh. 23:14; Isa. 40:8; 46:10; Matt. 5:17-18).

**Obey the Word** (7).

- His Word will soon take place (Hab. 2:3); but until then He is giving you time to be saved (Rom. 11:25; 2 Pet. 3:8-9).
- This is the sixth beatitude in Revelation blessing those who **keep** (believe, preserve, obey – John 15:10) the words of this book.

**Worship the Giver of the Word** (8-9).

- John responded by falling down at the feet of the angel – an all too common mistake (19:10; Acts 10:25-26; Heb. 1:5-6). We are to **worship God alone** (Psa. 62:1; Mark 2:7; 10:18).
- We are fellow servants with angels (God’s divine family – Heb. 1:14), our brothers, the prophets, and all others who keep the word of God (God’s human family – Acts 17:29).

**Publish the Word** (10).

- The prophet Daniel was told to seal up his book for the time was not ready (Dan. 12:4).
- John was told to not seal his book for the time is near (1:3; Luke 21:8).
- Revelation (GK = apokalypsis – to take the cover off of, to reveal) is meant to be revealed and read by all (18; 1:3; 13:8; 17:9).
- We are to **publish** (Jer. 50:2 KJV; Hab. 2:2-3) the good news (Rom. 10:15-16).

**Remain in the Word** (11).

- An **enigma**: If these prophecies go unheeded, you will continue to be vile and thus be judged – fixing your fate (Dan. 12:10; Luke 16:26).
- Conversely, the righteous must **remain** (continue, abide) in Him (John 15:4).