
Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics)

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LANCE WUBBELS is the managing editor of Bethany House Publishers. His interest in the writings of Charles Spurgeon began while doing research on an editorial project that *Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics)* required extensive reading of Spurgeon's sermons. He discovered a wealth of sermon classics that are filled with practical, biblical insight for every believer and written in a timeless manner that makes them as relevant today as the day they were spoken. His desire is to select and present Spurgeon's writings in a way that will appeal to a wide audience of readers and allow one of the greatest preachers of all time to enrich believers' lives.

Wubbels is the author of *The Gentle Hills* fiction series and a heartwarming short novel, *One Small Miracle*, with Bethany House Publishers. A naturally gifted storyteller, he captures readers with a warm, homey style filled with wit and insight that appeals to a wide readership.

About the Author

CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON (1834–1892) was the remarkable British “Boy Preacher of the Fens” who became one of the truly greatest preachers of all time. Coming from a flourishing country pastorate in 1854, he accepted a call to pastor London's New Park Street Chapel. This building soon proved too small and so work on Spurgeon's Metropolitan Tabernacle was begun

in 1859. Meanwhile his weekly sermons were being printed and having a remarkable sale—25,000 copies every week in 1865 *Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming* (Christian Living Classics) and translated into more than twenty languages.

Spurgeon built the Metropolitan Tabernacle into a congregation of over 6,000 and added *Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming* (Christian Living Classics) well over 14,000 members during his thirty-eight-year London ministry. The combination of his clear voice, his mastery of language, his sure grasp of Scripture, and a deep love for Christ produced some of the noblest preaching of *Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming* (Christian Living Classics) any age. An astounding 3,561 sermons have been preserved in sixty-three volumes, *The New Park Street Pulpit* and *The Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit*, from which the chapters of this book have been selected and edited.

During his lifetime, Spurgeon is estimated to have preached to 10,000,000 people. He remains history's most widely read preacher. There is more available material written by Spurgeon than by any other Christian author, living or dead. His sixty-three volumes of sermons stand as the largest set of books by a single author in the history of Christianity, comprising the equivalent to the twenty-seven volumes of the ninth edition of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*.

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Introduction

BOOKS ON THE SECOND COMING of Jesus Christ abound today, and throughout the many centuries of the Church's history, Christ's second coming has been a theme that has greatly edified believers all around the world. It has also given rise to many strange and speculative teachings—often controversial, sometimes heretical. It is unfortunate Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics) that this great biblical teaching, so full of comfort and hope for the believer, should be so often maligned and used by certain teachers to gain a following and perhaps be the means to selling a lot of books.

As one of the greatest expository preachers of all time, Charles Spurgeon is eminently qualified to teach on the second coming of Christ. His amazing thirty-eight-year metropolitan ministry in the city of London during the 1800s marked an era of some of the most gifted pastors ever assembled in Great Britain—Joseph Parker, H. P. Liddon, Hugh Price Hughes, F. B. Meyer, R. W. Dale, Alexander Maclaren, Alexander Whyte, F. W. Farrar. But in the matter of the influence of the gospel—both Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics) in large audiences and through the printed page—none matched Spurgeon's contribution. His ministry was said to be unparalleled in England since the days of Whitefield and Wesley.

The quintessential Victorian Englishman whose masterful preaching astonished his generation gives us these words of instructions on how he approached the biblical theme of Christ's second coming: "It is rare that I intrude into the mysteries of the future with regard to either the second coming, the millennial reign, or the first and second resurrection. As often as I come across it in my expositions, I do Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics) not turn aside from the point, but if I am guilty at all on this point, it is rather in being too silent than in saying too much. My purpose here is not to amuse your curiosity by novelty of the subject or to pretend that I have the true key of the prophecies that are as yet unfulfilled. I have never felt it justifiable for me to spend my time upon prophetic studies for which I have not the necessary talent, nor is it the vocation to which my Master has ordained me. I think some ministers would do far more for the profit of God's people if they would preach more about the first advent and less about the Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics) second. But I have chosen this topic because I

believe it has practical bearings and may be made useful, instructive, Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics) and inspirational to Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics) us all.”

The last sentence rings so true of the great pastoral heart of Charles Spurgeon. While he looked at the book of Revelation and the doctrine of the second coming of Christ as containing many mysteries of which no two biblical teachers seemed to agree upon, Spurgeon did not put aside the teaching as irrelevant. Rather, he looked for those aspects of the teaching that he knew would have a practical impact upon the lives of his listeners. Listen as Spurgeon explains it in his own words:

“Despite innumerable attempts by innumerable Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics) teachers Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics) to form a consistent scheme of biblical Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics) prophecy as to the future, Scripture is generally very indistinct in arrangement. There are in the Word of God many clear testimonies as to distinct events in the future, but these cannot easily be arranged in order so as to harmonize with other events; neither will the most accurate scholar, as I believe, ever make a consistent series of them so as to map them down. They are perfectly consistent, and their order is divine, but I believe that we shall need the actual fulfillment to make the plan clear. So intricate is the architecture of future history that the Architect Himself alone knows where this stone and that and the other are ordained to stand. It is not for us to fling any of the stones away or criticize it Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics) as poorly stated.

“We are only children, and our little plans of housebuilding, like children with their toy bricks, are very simple and elementary indeed. But God’s architecture is of a high class, and Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics) we cannot, therefore, speculate where this event will come in or where that marvel will find its place. However, we may rest quite assured that each ordained event will follow in an orderly manner upon the other; and instead of puzzling our brains over projects of interpretation, Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics) we may be quite satisfied to take each of the facts separately as we find them, believingly expect them, and, above all, deduce from them their legitimate practical conclusions. The right way of knowing anything is to know how to act in consequence of it, and in spiritual things a man knows nothing until he lives what he knows. If you and I know the truths with regard to the future, each Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics) one as we find them in Scripture, and Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics) then act according to the inferences fairly to be drawn from them, we shall be Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics) wiser Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics) men than if we became inventors of elaborate schemes.”

I invite you to read these twelve select chapters as you would listen to a trusted and skilled pastor, for that is exactly what Spurgeon was in his day. There is nothing speculative about Spurgeon’s teaching; just the rocksolid truth. Spurgeon will meet you where you live, and you

will not be disappointed.

Careful editing has helped to sharpen the focus of these sermons while retaining the authentic and timeless flavor they undoubtedly bring.

Behold, he cometh!" Have you and I ever realized the coming of Christ so fully as this? If we believe that the Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics) Lord Jesus has come the first time, we believe also that He will come the second time; but are these equally assured truths to us? Perhaps we have vividly realized the first appearing: from Bethlehem Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics) to Golgotha, and from Calvary to Olivet, we have traced the Lord, understanding that blessed cry, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Yes, the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. But have we with equal firmness grasped the thought that He comes again? It Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics) should be to us not only a prophecy assuredly believed among us but also a scene pictured in our souls and anticipated in our hearts. My imagination has often set forth that dread scene, but better still, my faith has realized it. I have heard the chariot wheels of the Lord's approach, and I have endeavored to set my house in order for His reception. I have felt the shadow of that great cloud that shall attend Him, chilling the fervency of my worldliness. I hear even now in spirit the sound of the last trumpet, whose tremendous blast startles my soul to serious action Discovering the Power of Christ's Second Coming (Christian Living Classics) and puts force into my life. Would God that I lived more completely under the influence of that august event! To this realization I invite you, for the benefit of a more vivid realization would be incalculable.

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