

AMEN

Sermon Sept 5, 2021

Scripture reading: Revelation 7:9-17 and Revelation 21:16-21

Golden verse: AMEN - Matthew 6:13

In April, we started to study the Lord's Prayer and today we have reached the very last word, which is closing the prayer: AMEN.

Please always remember that our Lord Jesus Christ taught us this prayer, and he taught us to place this powerful word at the end: AMEN.

At this point, we are standing on a high mountain top, where we admire God, to whom is the eternal Kingdom, the endless Power, and the everlasting Glory. It is such a miracle that, as we are coming to the end of this prayer, we feel enormous peace and comfort, because we know that we were talking to our loving and caring Heavenly Father, for whom everything is possible. We feel this peace because we know that everything we prayed is in the hands of omnipotent and eternal God, who is my Father and who loves us unconditionally.

We know that sometimes we have to wait until God will fulfill our needs. Sometimes, God will shift His gifts a bit, but also we know that God will give us the very best, knowing not only our present but our future.

This prayer, like all our prayers, end with this word: AMEN.

Would you guess what appears to be the three most universal words? Amen, Hallelujah and Coca Cola. So it seems that the word Amen is the most universal word in human language.

When transliterated from Hebrew and Greek, it is spelled exactly as we see it in English: Amen

Originally, in Hebrew, Amen means "to make firm". Shepherds in the fields, as they were watching their flocks, built from their belongings a bed for themselves, and they lay on the top of their belongings, where they could rest their body and soul on a firm place.

The rabbis taught that Amen means "the Lord is trustworthy". By saying "Amen", we are declaring that we trust in all that God is doing in our lives and in the world.

In Greek usage, it came to refer to a solid foundation, and it carried the idea of "truth". Sometimes, the word "Amen" is used at the beginning of a sentence, and in such cases, it is translated "truly" or "verily". Sometimes it is doubled, for emphasis, as when Jesus says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you..." The Lord Jesus is

using this word twice, one after another, saying: “*Amen, amen, which here means ‘truly, truly’ I say to you...*” John 12:24.

The word Amen attests to the truthfulness of what we have prayed.

Paul says the promises of God are “Amen”, meaning they are reliable. “Amen” is often the last word in Paul’s letters, his way of saying that everything he has declared is the truth.

Saying “Amen” at the end of our sermon, we are certifying the truthfulness of the world of God.

Amen is the very last word in Bible, attesting to the truthfulness of everything that’s been said and written in scripture (Rev. 22:21).

In Revelation 3:14, we read: *These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation” here Jesus Christ himself is the Amen, as the Personification Of Truth. He is our eternal Amen!*

When at the end of our prayer we say: “In Jesus’ name, Amen”, we confirm that everything we prayed we earnestly meant.

A person who was widely known for his use of the term "amen," was asked on one occasion why he used it. "Just what does ‘amen’ mean?" asked a friend. The man replied, "In most cases, it means just this to me: ‘Yes, Lord, I am with you on whatever you want!’”

Amen means: let it be exactly as I asked. The three words “so be it” are translated from the original Hebrew as amen

Amen, as a short word at the end of the prayer does not mean that prayer is over, but it is another creed. I know the Lord is listening and He will provide.

The Lord is trustworthy, He is a sure support, and this is what we confess at the end of our prayers. We, as people who pray, remind ourselves that what we have just said, in its time, will be done. And if we might forget what we asked for, our Father will not forget. He will give us much more than we were able to ask for. And, what we have just been entrusted, we will receive by His grace. We can rest in peace because the Lord heard our prayer and He will provide what we need. What we were asking today, we can count on tomorrow. There is no need to worry, because God, whom we have known as a loving and caring Father, will be the same God tomorrow.

We say amen because we are quite certain of our faith. After we pray, we feel free to continue on my journey, because God walks with us. We are never alone, but with Him, the Almighty. And, as the Apostle John writes, our requests are before

Him. *“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of Him.”* (1 John 5:14-15) God is trustworthy, and I can trust Him. Often, I cannot trust myself, but I can trust Him.

Amen at the end of the Lord’s Prayer means that I do believe in my Heavenly Father’s Power, I do believe in His glorious Kingdom, I do believe that my prayer is heard.

Everything that we asked in the Lord Prayer we are allowed to ask, just because God’s Power, God’s Kingdom and God’s Glory are endless and eternal.

Those who pray the word AMEN with faith, believing that what they prayed is listened to by God, will continue their lives with much more joy and happiness.

I am asking you kindly, that when you say the word AMEN, you have to know that God heard you, God listened to you, and all your needs are well known by your Heavenly Father, who loves you and cares for you.

We know our Lord Jesus Christ as omnipotent God. For this, we should not compromise with anything bad in this world, because Jesus Christ is able to change anything. We live amongst so many temptations, illnesses and tragedies, but the Lord taught us to pray, knowing that the kingdom, the power and the glory are His, and He has power to change the most impossible as well.

Our Lord reigns. He really rules. We can also safely trust in Him. The Kingdom is His, the Power is His. He can do with us everything He wants. There is nothing impossible for him. And the glory is also His, and it would be helpful for us to live our lives by doing everything for His glory, whatever we might do. Amen.