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**Amen**

*He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*

*Revelation 22:20*

**The word amen means "let it be so." Though we treat it like a period— or sometimes as an exclamation point—to signal we've come to the end of our prayer, "amen" is a prayer in itself.**

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**It's a way of expressing the desire to come into alignment with God, a condensed way of asking that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10).**

**When we read the words closing the book of Revelation, is "amen" always our ready response?**

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**If we're honest, it seems that when things are going well for us, and we're happy and comfortable, it can be a challenge sometimes to tap into a deep longing for Jesus to return. However, the suffering and loss we experience in our lives can be used by God to reorient us away from our own comfort and help us join in the chorus saying, "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."**

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**When you think of his return, what words first come to mind? Offer them honestly as your prayer today. What might be hampering your "amen" to the prayer closing the book of Revelation?**

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**Coming King, I wait and watch for  
you today.  
Amen**

***FOR FURTHER REFLECTION READ  
HEBREWS 9:24-28***