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Title: *"The Three Appearings of Christ, No. 3:*

As Returning King"

A Study in God's Word Based on Hebrews 9:23-28

The Text: ²³That is why the earthly tent and everything in it – which were copies of things in heaven – had to be purified by the blood of animals. But the real things in heaven had to be purified with far better sacrifices than the blood of animals. ²⁴For Christ has entered into heaven itself to appear now before God as our Advocate. He did not go into the earthly place of worship, for that was merely a copy of the real Temple in heaven. ²⁵Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, like the earthly high priest who enters the Most Holy Place year after year to offer the blood of an animal. ²⁶If that had been necessary, he would have had to die again and again, ever since the world began. But no! He came once for all time, at the end of the age, to remove the power of sin forever by his sacrificial death for us. ²⁷And just as it is destined that each person dies only once and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so also Christ dies only once as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again but not to deal with our sins again. This time he will bring salvation to all those who are eagerly waiting for him. (NLT)

The Exposition:

I. The Certainty of the Third Appearing — v. 28a

Two Reasons for Our Confidence:

A. Because the Bible **Promises** it.

B. Because the Bible **Resurrection** guarantees it.

II. The Consequences of the Third Appearing

A. **Judgment** for all – v. 27

B. **Salvation** for some – v. 28b