**R981 Rumination for Nov. 12, 2023 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **Amen** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore,* ***Amen****.* Rev. 1:18

The **T**hots:

1. **The Connotation of *Amen.***
2. *Amen* = **S**urely. **F**rom root = to be **F**irm, **S**teady, Trustworthy.
3. Transliterated from the Hebrew (*ʾāmēn*) with both Greek (*amēn*) and English (*amen*) Strong
4. **The Concept of *Amen***
5. God is *Amen*.
6. *The LORD that is Faithful* (Amen). Isa. 49:7
7. *…he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of Truth* (Amen) Isa. 65:16
8. His **P**recepts are *Amen* – *The law of the LORD is perfect* (Amen) Psa. 19:7
9. His **P**romises are *Amen* – Isa. 55:3

*I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure* (ʾāman) *mercies of David.*

1. His **P**unishments are *Amen* – Hos. 5:7-**9**

*Ephraim shall be desolate…have I made known that which shall surely* (Amen) *be.*

1. Christ is *Amen*
2. His **P**erson is *Amen* – *These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness* Rev. 3:14
3. His **P**urposes are *Amen* – *All the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen*. II Cor. 1:20
4. His **P**ronouncements are *Amen* – “*Verily, Verily…”* = “*Amen, Amen*…” cf. Jn. 5:24, 25, etc.
5. **The Context of the Use of *Amen*.**

Intro. *Amen* as used by God = “*it is and shall be so*”

 *Amen* as used by Man = “*so let it be*”

1. Used to Indicate **A**ssent to Divine **P**recepts/**P**unishments Deut. 27:14-26

“*The Levites shall speak, and say unto all the men of Israel with a loud* *voice*…Deut. 27:14

*“And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.”* Deut. 27:15

1. Used to Indicate Individual **A**greement to Divine **P**unishment. Num. 5:22

*And the woman shall say, Amen, Amen.*

1. Used to Indicate **A**cknowledgement of Divine **P**rophecy. Jer. 28:6
2. *Even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: the LORD do so:*

*the LORD perform thy words which thou hast prophesied…*

1. *Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen.* Rev. 1:7
2. Used to Indicate **A**scription of Congregational **P**raise.
3. *…And all the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD.* I Chr. 16:36
4. *…And let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the LORD.* Psa. 106:48
5. …*How shall he…say Amen at thy giving of thanks?* I Cor. 14:16
6. Used to Indicate **A**cquiescence to **A**nother’s **P**rayer. I Kgs. 1:36

*And Benaiah…the king…said, Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king say so too.*

1. Used to Indicate **A**cclamation to Doxological **P**raise. Eph. 3:21

*Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*

1. Used to Indicate **A**cclamation of Heavenly **P**ractice. Rev. 5:14
2. *And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped Him.*
3. *After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying,* ***Amen****: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever.* ***Amen****.* Rev. 7:9-**12**

**Conclusion**: Let us **A**ll say…

1. Amen to the Last **P**assover – *For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup,*

 *ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.* I Cor. 11:26

 **Revelation 22:20-21**

1. Amen to the Last **P**romise – *Surely, I come quickly*
2. Amen to the Last**P**rayer *– Even so, come, Lord Jesus.*
3. Amen to the Last **P**rovision – *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.* *Amen.*

*Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!*

*Loud praise to Christ our king; Alleluia! Amen!*

*Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;*

 *Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!* C. H. Bateman

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK. R. 981**

1. Today we find common in many churches two categories of practices. In many conservative churches, after a person has prayed the congregation members maintain a stony silence as if they do not agree with what the pray-er has uttered in his prayer. In other cases, it may be that that the pray-er stammers and swallows his words to the extent either the members of the congregation do nor hear what he prays or do not understand what he utters because he speaks in a strange tongue. Like the church in Corinth, the same question may be asked of those who speak publicly in a tongue that the common people cannot understand, as I Cor. 14:15-20 –

*What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also:*

*I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.*

*Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest? For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.*

*I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:*

*Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.*

*Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.*

When you take part in a public gathering you must make sure what you say in your prayer and praise that you are audible so that all in the congregation can hear, and that you are intelligible that all can understand what you utter, so that all in the congregation can say “Amen”. Is it your practice to say, “Amen” when a person ends his prayer, to indicate that you have understood and agreed to all that he has said? **REFLECT**

1. J.D. Watson in his “A Word for the Day: Key Words from the New Testament” for 31st December (in his last devotion for the year) writes on “**Amen**”:

*How thrilling! We find it several times in the OT, for example, as the people responded in praise while listening to the choir (Ps. 41:13; 72:19; 89:52) and to other declarations of truth (1 Chron. 16:36; Neh. 8:6; Ps. 106:48).*

*This* ***challenges*** *us to say "Amen" to the truths of God's Word, to make them our own. In Romans 11:36, for example, in response to the statement, "For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever," we can say with Paul, "Amen." Also with Paul in his prayer closing the first half of Ephesians, we can say a hearty "Amen" (3:21) to all the grand truths of those chapters. And in answer to our Lord's promise, "Surely I come quickly," in Revelation 22:20, we can, with the entire church, affirm the promise with "Amen" (v. 21).*

*Dear Christian friend, let amen become an important word in your Christian vocabulary. The author and publisher of this book pray that you have been richly blessed by these studies and have been able to say "Amen" many times. May God richly bless you as you go forth in His power and for His glory. Amen.*

Will you be able to say “Amen” to the above **challenge** and make the word (*Amen*) part of your living vocabulary from day to day in all events when you are conscious of God’s dealings with you? Do I hear a big **AMEN** to all these from you? **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** *A* ***S****imple “****A****men” is* ***W****orth a thousand* ***W****ords* ***S****ignifying “****A****greed”.*