

Sermon ~ Sunday, January 2, 2022

Text: Luke 12: 37, 38

Title: "JESUS Will Be Back!"

On Friday, December 24, 2021, I sent out a **CHRISTmas Prayer** [Psalms 119: 49-64] to Pastor's and Preachers, Parishioners and Participants of Faith, **Faith in GOD**. One response gripped me. Pastor, L. C. Dews, St. Paul B. C., Brazoria, TX and Moderator, Lincoln Southern District Association. He said, Thank You Pastor for your *prayers!* I'm healing and doing well from the removal of my Thyroid. **GOD is Good!** Be Blessed my brother because "**JESUS Will Be Back!**"

This speaks of **The Second Coming of CHRIST!** This shouts out, the need for *All* to be concerned about **The Second Advent** [Arrival, Appearance, Approach] of **The LORD and our SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST!**

It's a very appropriate thought, *as we prepare to come this Evening*, to **The LORD'S Table**. Again, we will reflect on **The Agony and Suffering our LORD endured**, to save 'a wretch' like you and me. And be **Thankful for HIS Saving G.R.A.C.E.**, once *lost* but now *found*, once *blind* but *now can see*. And declare together, that **HIS G.R.A.C.E is Sufficient**, right now. But also, to look forward, in anticipation of **HIS Glory**. "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show **The LORD'S** death till **HE** come." (I Corinthians 11: 26)

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When **JESUS return for The Wedding**, I trust that **HE** will not find the door of *our hearts* shut against **HIM**, but that we *be ready*, to open to *our LORD*, immediately when **HE** *knocks*. By this *text* this morning, I prayerfully hope, you be stirred and motivated to be *watching*, for, **"JESUS Will Be Back!"**

First, The LORD Will Come. **The LORD had to come once**, and **The LORD must come again**. **HE will come**, a second time. **JESUS Will Be Back!** **HE will come again**, for **HE Promised** to return. Among the *last WORDS HE spoke to HIS servant John* are these, "**Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of This BOOK.**" (Revelation 22: 7) "**And, behold, I come quickly; and MY reward is with ME, to give every man according as his work shall be.**" (Revelation 22: 12) "**HE** which testifieth these things saith, **Surely I come quickly.** Amen. Even so, come, **LORD JESUS.**" (Revelation 22: 20) Hear **JESUS** saying, "**I AM** coming quickly!" "**I AM** even now upon the road!" "**I AM** traveling as fast as wisdom allows." "**I AM** always *coming* and *coming* quickly!"

Secondly, our **LORD JESUS** has promised to *come* and to *come in PERSON*. Some try to explain **The Second Coming of CHRIST**, as though, **HE** is coming for the *dying*, the *dead*, the *deceased*. Oh NO!

“For **The LORD HIMSELF** shall descend from heaven with a shout, with *The Voice of The Archangel*, and with *The Trump of GOD*: and the departed in **CHRIST** shall rise first: Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet **The LORD** in the air: and so shall we ever be with **The LORD**.”

(I Thessalonians 4: 16, 17)

Yea, **HE WHO** went up to heaven will come down from heaven and stand in the latter day upon this earth. Like Job, “For I know that my **REDEEMER** liveth, and that **HE** shall stand at the latter day upon the earth...” (Job 19: 25) “Though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see **GOD: WHOM** I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.” (Job 19: 26)

Moreso, because I (we) have been **REDEEMED**: agorazo (ag-or-ad'-zo) verb, meaning to be in the marketplace, and our **REDEEMER** came in to do business—to pay for the penalty of my sin; exagorazo (ex-ag-or-ad'-zo) verb, buy-up at the marketplace—free me from the slavery, shackles, servitude, subjugation of Satan and sin; and, lutroo (lu-troo'), meaning to release on receipt of ransom [**HE showed HIMSELF Alive**; showed the nail prints in **HIS Hands** and **HIS Feet**; showed the wound in **HIS Side**, where **Blood** and **Water** came streaming down] and HE lead me out of that marketplace... **HE** walks with me; talks with me; Tells me I'm **HIS own**...

I said I wasn't going tell nobody, but I, couldn't keep it to myself (3x's) You oughta been there, when **HE** saved my soul! You oughta been there when **HE** put my Name on **The Roll!**

I started *walkin'*, I started *talkin'*, I started *singin'*, I started *shoutin'*, for what **The LORD** has done for me!

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Lastly, In this 12th chapter of Luke, **JESUS is Counseling!** **HE** *advices, instructs, admonishes, HIS disciples* on four important subjects...

1. Confession, Luke 12: 1-12: the realness of confession (hypocrisy is condemned.) the reluctance of confession (fear not those who can only kill the body; **“Fear HIM WHO, after HE has killed, has power to cast into hell, yes, I say to you, fear HIM!”**); the reciprocation of confession (confess **CHRIST** and **CHRIST** will confess you); the reliance in Confession (**The HOLY SPIRIT** will help. For it is **HE WHO** *convicts, convince, and converts*).

2. Covetousness, Luke 12: 13-36: the problem (we always want **CHRIST** to *get* for us, *what another possesses*); the parable, The Truth about how *foolish* we are (the rich farmer *foolishly* viewed his *prosperity* in terms of *barns* and *banqueting* but experienced *burial* without **Salvation** instead); the perspective, of a Life that **Trust GOD**— “don't Worry.” [If you, *Pray*, don't Worry. If you *Worry* don't *Pray!*] “Don't have an *Anxious Mind*, mentally spinning all kinds of “*what ifs?*” **GOD HIMSELF** is committed to our well-being!!!

3. Commitment, Luke 12: 37-48: the requirements of commitment, V. 37, ‘watching,’ observe, watch like a hawk; examine the times and seasons; perceive and discern; eyeball your own conscience, because **“JESUS Will Be Back!”** No one knows ‘when’ **CHRIST** will return.

The SCRIPTURES *nor history* contain *secret messages* that, when *decoded*, reveal the date. No need to ask your **Gaudian Angel**, **HE does not know!** But keep watching... and, working, V. 44. *Be, a faithful and wise serving steward!* **Serving The LORD** will pay-off after while!

Just keep on working every day, whatever is right, **GOD** said **HE** will pay.
Serving The LORD will pay-off after while!

4. *Coming*, Luke 12: 49-53: **CHRIST** comes to *divide people... five in one house, three against two and two against three. Father against son and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against daughter-in law, and daughter-in law- against her mother-in-law.* **CHRIST** comes to *divide people...*

GOD is Taking us Away!

One day, when the dusty march is over... One day,
We shall see **HIM** in ***The Fulness of HIS Splendor***... One day,
Saints will behold **HIS Face**.
Look around and witness, **GOD is taking us away**. One by one...

We all have a reservation at some cemetery, without the privilege of cancelation.
We *must* leave here. We are on our way to ***The Marriage Feast of The LAMB of GOD!***
One by One (3x's) **GOD is Taking us Away!**

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