

Readings for the week of Nov. 27/22:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Sunday, November 27, 2022, is known in the Christian calendar as Advent One.

In this season of Advent, we join with other Christians throughout the world in awaiting the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. We celebrate that glorious event on Christmas Day.

We look forward with anticipation, to celebrating Jesus' birth. However, we are reminded in Matthew 24:40-44, that we have another awesome event to anticipate. Jesus Christ will come again. Matthew 24:40-44, says,

"Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

We must be ready for His return. To that end, Romans 13:11-14 says, *"Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;*

the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires."

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

