

25. The Second Coming of Christ

The second coming of Christ is the blessed hope of the church, the grand climax of the gospel.

The Savior's coming will be literal, personal, visible, and worldwide. When He returns, the righteous dead will be resurrected, and together with the righteous living will be glorified and taken to heaven, but the unrighteous will die.

The almost complete fulfillment of most lines of prophecy, together with the present condition of the world, indicates that Christ's coming is near. The time of that event has not been revealed, and we are therefore exhorted to be ready at all times.

(Matt. 24; Mark 13; Luke 21; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Cor. 15:51-54; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 5:1-6; 2 Thess. 1:7- 10; 2:8; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; Titus 2:13; Heb. 9:28; Rev. 1:7; 14:14-20; 19:11-21.)

Sabbath School

Superintendent.....Connie Garbi
Lesson Study.....Pastor Garbi
Lesson 4.....**“To Love the Lord Your God”**

Memory text: *Deuteronomy 6:5LB*
⁵“You must love Him with all your heart, soul, and might.”

Worship Service

Prelude
Welcome.....Nancy Judson
Call to Worship.....Isaiah 25:9
Praise Time.....Praise Team
1. Hymn 213.....Jesus is Coming Again
2. Hymn 211.....Lo! He Comes
3. Hymn 221.....Rejoice the Lord is King

Prayer.....Nancy Judson
Scripture.....1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

SERMON.....Pastor Garbi
“Second Coming”

Closing Hymn.....Hymn 207
“It May be at Morn”
Benediction.....Pastor Garbi

Postlude

Announcements

WELCOME: TO THE RICHLAND CENTER SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH.

Whether you attend in person or virtually we welcome you.

Speakers: October 23. Pastor Garbi (Second Coming)
October 30 Bob Grimm (Sanctuary)
November 6..Pastor Garbi (Mellennium)
November 13 Jon & Dale (New Earth)
November 20 Pastor Garbi

Treasurer's Report:
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Thank you Chris and Jessica, Daryl and Francis, and Clifford for keeping our grounds looking great.

Thank you Tom and Jon for making our live, virtual communications work. We appreciate being able to worship together from anywhere! What a day to be alive.

Lift up your voice.
Clearly and joyfully proclaim:
Jesis is coming again.
And soon!

NOTES:

“Anyone who says he is a Christian... should live as Christ did.”

1 John 2:6. The Living Bible

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Living Bible

"When is all this going to happen? I really don't need to say anything about that, dear brothers, ² for you know perfectly well that no one knows. That day of the Lord will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. ³ When people are saying, "All is well; everything is quiet and peaceful"—then, all of a sudden, disaster will fall upon them as suddenly as a woman's birth pains begin when her child is born. And these people will not be able to get away anywhere—there will be no place to hide.

⁴ But, dear brothers, you are not in the dark about these things, and you won't be surprised as by a thief when that day of the Lord comes. ⁵ For you are all children of the light and of the day, and do not belong to darkness and night. ⁶ So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Watch for his return and stay sober. ⁷ Night is the time for sleep and the time when people get drunk. ⁸ But let us who live in the light keep sober, protected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the happy hope of salvation.

⁹ For God has not chosen to pour out his anger upon us but to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ; ¹⁰ he died for us so that we can live with him forever, whether we are dead or alive at the time of his return. ¹¹ So encourage each other to build each other up, just as you are already doing."

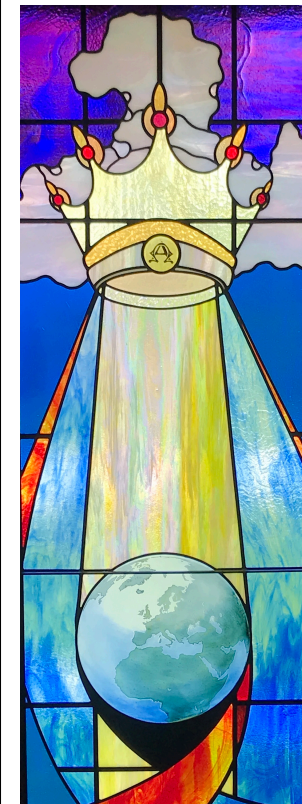
"One of the most solemn and yet most glorious truths revealed in the Bible is that of Christ's second coming to complete the great work of redemption. To God's pilgrim people, so long left to sojourn in "the region and shadow of death," a precious, joy-inspiring hope is given in the promise of His appearing, who is "the resurrection and the life," to "bring home again His banished." The doctrine of the second advent is the very keynote of the Sacred Scriptures. From the day when the first pair turned their sorrowing steps from Eden, the children of faith have waited the coming of the Promised One to break the destroyer's power and bring them again to the lost Paradise. Holy men of old looked forward to the advent of the Messiah in glory, as the consummation of their hope. Enoch, only the seventh in descent from them that dwelt in Eden, he who for three centuries on earth walked with his God, was permitted to behold from afar the coming of the Deliverer. "Behold," he declared, "the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all." [Jude 14, 15](#). The patriarch Job in the night of his affliction exclaimed with unshaken trust: "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: ... in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another." [Job 19:25-27. GC 299,1](#)"

"The coming of the Lord has been in all ages the hope of His true followers. The Savior's parting promise upon Olivet, that He would come again, lighted up the future for His disciples, filling their hearts with joy and hope that sorrow could not quench nor trials dim. Amid suffering and persecution, the "appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ" was the "blessed hope." When the Thessalonian Christians were filled with grief as they buried their loved ones, who had hoped to live to witness the coming of the Lord, Paul, their teacher, pointed them to the resurrection, to take place at the Savior's advent. Then the dead in Christ should rise, and together with the living be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. "And so," he said, "shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." [1 Thessalonians 4:16-18](#)."

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