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Are You Ready to meet our Lord?...

These past few months has been pregnant with sad news of the physical bodies of our Loved ones failing. Its not a nice thought and this certainly is not a morbid reflection on these events.

These events although hugely disturbing, they are sobering and allows us to have a balanced view on life. We arrest our hopes in this world as it has the markings of that which is transient rather than permanence. How has the events of the past few weeks shifted or strengthened your faith?

The Christians at Thessalonica understood "full well" that the coming of the Lord would occur unexpectedly, "like a thief in the night" (1 Thess. 5:1-2). A thief does not announce his arrival. Neither does he come by invitation at an appointed time. We saw this vividly displayed in the life of one of our family's father and mother when their house was burgled, and they were assaulted. His appearance is a surprise, at a time least expected. Peter describes that day, saying, "But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up" (2 Pet. 3:10). Regarding our inability to know the time of His return, Jesus says, "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son but the Father

alone" (Matt. 24:36). While many are banking on a delay in the Lord's return, we must live with an awareness of the fact that Jesus might come back today!

In the Old Testament, "the day of the Lord" was an expression often used in direct reference to God's judgement upon the nations. In fact, it could refer to any major event demonstrating God's sovereignty and power—thus, "the day of the Lord." But this phrase was taken up by New Testament writers to refer to Christ's return. The second coming of Christ is also an occasion of judgement—in fact, there are remarkable similarities. For example, when Babylonian Captivity was on the horizon, the false prophets of Jeremiah's day were saying, "Peace, peace" (Jer. 6:14; 8:11). But their popular prediction of peace was mere deception. Sadly, Jeremiah adds, "But there is no peace." In like manner, at the time of Christ's return, there will be those telling people that everything is all right—directing hearts away from God's call to repentance. But, then, "destruction will come upon them suddenly like birth pangs upon a woman with child..." (1 Thess. 5:3). Just as labour comes upon a woman with child, so also the Lord's return will come suddenly.

The apostle Paul goes on to

speak to the inevitable nature of the Lord's coming, saying, "they shall not escape" (1 Thess. 5:3). The second coming of Christ is inevitable. We can be sure that "every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him..." (Rev. 1:7). Likewise, we can be certain that "all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment" (Jn. 5:28-29). It is inevitable.

His coming will be unexpected, sudden, and inevitable. He is coming, and we will be judged on that day (Jn. 12:48). Are you ready for that day to come?

Love in Christ, Dereck



BIBLE STUDY

09:00

CONTACTS:

SUNDAY SCHOOL

09:00

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

10:15

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17:00

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Contribution R 17 214.00
Expenses R 10 305.00



PRIVILEGED TO SERVE IN WORSHIP

Prayers for the Elderly:

Bob & Betty Wisniewski, Charles Clur, Eric & Lynette van de Venter, Renee Sofianos, Peet & Marie Botha, Martie Stoltz, Lily Visser, Christine Rossouw, Bob & Val Holcombe.

Prayers for Healing:

Denise Culling, Sue Beukes, Connie Pienaar, Andy Jooste, Martie Stoltz, Ria van der Merwe, Bob & Val Holcombe, Liz De Lange & sister Trydie, Marie Botha, Lynette van Deventer, Lynn van der Walt, Ethan van Aswegan

Prayers of Encouragement:

Renie Sofianos, Anita & Natasha Hefer, Foy and Ursula Anderson, Tamryn Ross



Thabani	Sibanda	01-Jan
Bob	Holcombe	01-Jan
Foy	Anderson	04-Jan
Leanda	van Wyk	08-Jan
James	Sibanda	09-Jan
Debri	van Wyk	17-Jan
Loreen	Jeremiah	19-Jan
Jackie	Sheasby	21-Jan
Feb	Maritz	21-Jan
Gloria	Phakati	25-Jan
Sithembile	Khumalo	26-Jan
Lucy	Jeremiah	27-Jan
Cameron	Stoltz	28-Jan
Kedibone	Nkadimeng	31-Jan

	12 JANUARY	19 JANUARY
Singing	Bob	Tim
Table	Fred	Debri
Assisting	Khatu & Henoah	Henoah & Peter
Opening Prayer	Peter	Fred
Closing Prayer	Ferry	Bob
Preaching	Reginald	Debri
Bible Study	Peet	Peet

WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE

Table Preparation	Jackie & Cheryl	Jackie & Cheryl
Tea Duty	Anita & Myrna	Anita & Myrna
Flowers	Tarryn	Sithemhile
Restrooms	Jamie	Tecla
Sunday School	Margo / Tecla / Jamie / Leanda	

Munya & Fadzi,
 Warmest Congratulations
 on the birth of your sweet
 baby boy. We wish every
 blessing, prayers of love,
 health and happiness.



BENEVOLENCE

Please confirm with Margo your commitment to the 2020 grocery cupboard contributions to support those in need.

Monthly commitments are due the last Sunday of each month.
 Your donations are greatly appreciated.

HELP WITH LOVE



Bob & Betty	06-Jan
Tim & Jackie	07-Jan
Rasten & Sikholani	14-Jan