

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: [Hebrews 9:23-28](#).
- B. This is the first in a four part series to be given on Sunday nights concerning Jesus second coming and the end of time as we know it.
- C. This subject, sometimes referred to as eschatology, and is always of interest. This series is to help by way of reminder and information.
- D. The sermon topics to be discussed are:
 - 1. Part 1 - The Second Coming of X.
 - 2. Part 2 - The Great and Final Day (Resurrection & Judgment).
 - 3. Part 3 - The Prophecies of Matthew 24.
 - 4. Part 4 - The Errors of Premillennialism.
- E. Several terms are used in describing the return of X:
 - 1. "shall appear a second time" (Heb. 9:28).
 - 2. "the coming of our Lord" (2Th. 1:7).
 - 3. "the day of the Lord" (2Pet. 3:10).
 - 4. "the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1Pet. 1:13).
- F. The return of Jesus is the most often spoken event in the NT. More than 300 times, or about every 20 verses, the second advent is made referenced. Compare this with baptism (108 times) and the Lord's Supper (12 times).

I. THE TWO ADVENTS COMPARED.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. The first advent (coming):<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Born as a babe into the world.2. Quietly grew to maturity.3. Quietly entered His public work.4. Suffered, died, was buried and arose.5. Clothed with humility.6. Seemingly suffered defeat. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">B. The second advent (coming):<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. With a shout.2. In the clouds (1Th. 4:16).3. In His glory.4. With His angels (Mt. 25:31).5. Sitting on the throne of His glory (Mt. 26:64).6. In triumph (1Cor. 15:24-28). |
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II. THE TIME OF HIS COMING.

- A. Men have tried and failed to predict the time of the coming of X.
- B. Jesus, Himself does not know when (Mt. 24:36).
- C. The Bible does not teach that "Jesus Is Coming Soon." Rather, it has much to say about a long period of time between the ascension and His return. The parables of Mt. 24:45-25:30 each declare that there will be a time of delay, or a long time before X comes again (Mt. 24:48; 25:5; 25:19).
- D. There are many other indications from Acts and Thessalonians that the early church did not necessarily expect a quick return.

III. WHAT WILL END, AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN.

- A. First, the church will be complete at His coming.
He will receive all the saints and the church will be glorified (1Cor. 15:23,24; Eph. 5:25-27).
- B. Second, all of the agencies of salvation will end.
This is true in respect to the saints and sinners alike (Lk. 19:13; Phil. 3:20; 2Tim. 3:16,17; 4:8;
The only sign will be preaching as it was in the days of Noah (Lk. 17:26-30; 2Th. 1:7-10; 2Pet. 3:10).
- C. Third, all "church ordinances" will cease:
 - 1. The Lord's Supper (remembering His death).
 - 2. Baptism (remembering His burial).

- 3. The Lord's Day (remembering His resurrection).
- D. Fourth, the mediation of X and the intercession of the HS will end (Heb. 7:25; 1Tim. 2:3-5; Rom. 8:26).
- E. Fifth, the entire church will be "made alive" or all be awake and sleep no more.
The deal by resurrection and the living by transformation (1Th. 4:16; 1Cor. 15:51,52).
- F. Sixth, and lastly the wicked will be raised for judgment (Dan. 12:2; Mt. 25:31-46; Rev. 20:11-15).

V. OUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE TWO ADVENTS.

- A. We live between the two advents. Unlike those under the Law of Moses and Patriarchy.
- B. To one we look back by faith, and to other ahead with hope.
- C. We have the Lord's Supper to help bridge the gap.
- D. We are to walk worthily, because we know not when He shall come.
- E. The polar star of the church is when Jesus comes to take that which is holy and blameless to heaven (Eph. 5:27).

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. We have covered much in this first lesson.
- B. We have looked at:
 - 1. The terms describing the second coming of X.
 - 2. The two advents compared.
 - 3. What we know and do not know about the time of His coming.
 - 4. What will end and what will happen when He comes.
 - 5. Our current relationship to the two advents.
- C. Our next lesson in this four part series will deal with the resurrection and judgment day.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.