



Pursuing Holiness

Envisioning The End

Romans 13:11-12

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11 Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

12 The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (ESV)

1. Always _____ (vv.11-12)

2. Live _____ (vv.11a, 12b)

3. Feel _____ (vv.11b, 12a)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Luke 12:35-38**. How often would you say that you thoughtfully envision the return of Christ, the end of this world, or the future inauguration of Christ's kingdom? Why do you think it isn't more often?
2. Read **1 John 3:2-3**. In your own words describe the relationship between "hoping for" the return of Christ and becoming more "purified" in your behavior. Why is there a cause-and-effect relationship between those two concepts for us as Christians?
3. Read **Acts 1:11** and **John 14:1-3**. What does a rereading of these familiar and straightforward promises from Jesus do to your heart, and how might they affect the values in your everyday life if they were more near the front of your mind?
4. Read **2 Peter 3:3-4**. How do modern-day mockers inhibit your focus on the return of Christ, or restrain your enthusiasm for the return of Christ?
5. Read **2 Peter 3:1-2**. What practical helps or reminders can you put in place daily to remind yourself that today could be the day of Christ's return?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (*Reading Plans: Through the Bible*) for schedule prompts.

July 24th

Ps.41-43 & Ac.24

July 25th

Ps.44-46 & Ac.25

July 26th

Ps.47-49 & Ac.26

July 27th

Ps.50-52 & Ac.27:1-25

July 28th

Ps.53-55 & Ac.27:26-44

July 29th

Ps.56-58 & Ac.28:1-15

July 30th

Ps.59-61 & Ac.28:16-31

July 31st

Ps.62-64 & Ro.1

For sermons on MP3 go to FPR.info. The following are other available sermons related to today's subject matter.

CD # 0616 – **A Crash Course in the End of the Book**

CD # 0710 – **Reaching Forward with the Hope of a New World**

CD # 0531 – **The Next World Order: Looking Forward without Giving Up**

CD # 9735 – **Looking Forward: The Present Effects of Anticipating Our Future Home**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Alcorn, Randy. **Heaven**. Tyndale House Publishers, 2004.

Benware, Paul. **Understanding End Times Prophecy**. Moody Press, 1995.

Blomberg, Craig L. **Neither Poverty nor Riches: A Biblical Theology of Possessions**. InterVarsity Press, 1999.

Bounds, Edward M. **Heaven: A Place, A City, A Home**. Baker Books, 1975.

Carson, D. A. **How Long O Lord? Reflections on Suffering & Evil**. Baker Books, 1990.

Getz, Gene. **Biblical Theology of Material Possessions**. Moody Press, 1991.

Hendriksen, William. **The Bible on the Life Hereafter**. Baker Books, 1971.

Hoyt, Herman. **The End Times**. Moody Press, 1969.

Lutzer, Erwin. **Your Eternal Reward: Triumph and Tears at the Judgment Seat of Christ**. Moody Press, 1998.

MacArthur, John. **The Second Coming: Signs of Christ's Return and the End of the Age**. Crossway Books, 2006.

McClain, Alva. **The Greatness of the Kingdom: An Inductive Study of the Kingdom of God**. BMH Books, 1974.

Packer, J. I. **A Quest for Godliness**. Crossway Books, 1994.

Pentecost, Dwight. **Things to Come: A Study in Biblical Eschatology**. Zondervan, 1958.

Stowell, Joseph. **Eternity: Reclaiming a Passion for What Endures**. Chicago: Moody Press, 1995.

Tada, Joni Eareckson. **Heaven: Your Real Home**. Zondervan, 1997.