

A VERY MURRAY CHRISTMAS

Waiting on God

WAITING FOR THE COMING OF HIS SON

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Sermon Outline Notes

The Fullness of our Life in Christ...

IS FOUND IN WAITING ON GOD

Though we have already tasted the firstfruits of the Spirit, we are longing for the total redemption of our bodies that comes when our adoption as children of God is complete—²⁴ for we have been saved in this hope and for this future. But hope does not involve what we already have or see. For who goes around hoping for what he already has? ²⁵ But if we wait expectantly for things we have never seen, then we hope with true perseverance and eager anticipation. Romans 8:23-25 VOICE

Advent calls us TO WATCH & WAIT FOR JESUS' RETURN

Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. Luke 12:35-37

I. How do we wait for Jesus?

*"The Father, who, in His own time, will reveal His Son from heaven, is the God who, as we wait on Him, prepares us for the revelation of His Son. The present life and the coming glory are inseparably connected in God and in us."
-Andrew Murray*

Waiting on God Now IS HOW WE WAIT FOR CHRIST'S

RETURN TOMORROW

My soul waits in silence for God only; From Him is my salvation. ² He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.
Psalm 62:1-2

II. How does waiting on Jesus' return affect our lives today?

"It is always easier to be engaged with the Christianity of the past or the future than to be faithful in the Christianity of today." -Andrew Murray

Waiting on God Now PROVIDES US WITH POWER TO LIVE FOR CHRIST TODAY

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.
Titus 2:11-14

III. How do we view the prophecies of Jesus return?

"There is such a danger of our being more occupied with the things that are coming than with Him who is to come."
-Andrew Murray

Waiting on God Now PROMPTS US TO REMEMBER CHRIST'S LOVE IN THE HOPE OF HIS RETURN

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ¹ John 3:1-2