

Friday, January 12, 2024

Scripture focus:

Revelation 22:12-17

¹²“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” ¹⁷ The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

Reflection:

How did you feel when you read or heard that passage? How often does your day reflect the truth of Jesus coming again?

¹ “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹² But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Other Scripture on readiness:

Matthew 25:1-13

Prayer:

Lord, forgive me for times when I have called you Lord, but did not do what you said. Help me to live each day remembering Your Lordship and Your return. May Your word be a lamp guiding the way I walk and a light to show me the right path to take

Application:

Take time to remember the Lord's return and pray for readiness.

Intercessory focus: Community and global issues

Psalm 96:3-4

Declare his glory among the nations, his
marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods.

Take time to pray for the deep reverence of the Lord to be upon any community and global issues that the Lord brings to your mind.