**11-24-19 HIS SECOND COMING**

The Lord is going to return for the Bible tells us so! It has been witnessed by two or more who were told He is going to return.

**Matt. 24:36; (Acts 1:9-11; I Thess. 4:13-18; II Thess. 2:1-5; Titus 2:11-14)**

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.”

**Conditions for His coming the first time:**

1. The Roman rule over the Jews made them hungry for a Deliverer!
2. Rome had made the world under its government possible to travel.
3. Much of the world under Rome had Common Language all could communicate.
4. False idols had failed, philosophers and science left people empty.
5. False religions offered sacrifice paving the way to deceive the way of one sacrifice.
6. Government had soldiers from many places that could be exposed to the gospel.

**Conditions for His second coming:**

1. The regathering of Israel in Palestine **(Dan 2:24-25; 7:22; Luke 21:24)**
2. Perilous times **(II Tim 3:1-7)**
3. The rise of communist Russia **(Ezek. 39:1; 38:2-3)**
4. Armaments and modern was potential
5. Progress in transportation and science **(Dan. 12:3)**

**Scriptural references:**

1. Christ’s coming is mentioned more than 300 times in the New Testament.
2. Christ’s coming is mentioned on the average of once in every 25 verses.
3. Paul’s epistles there are more than 50 references to the second advent of Christ.
4. There are eight times more verses concerning His second coming than His first coming.
5. **I, II Thessalonians, Revelation** are books devoted to His second coming.
6. **Mat. 24,25; Mark 13; Luke 21** are chapters devoted to His second coming.

**Statement of His second coming:**

We believe that the second coming of Christ is personal and imminent; that He will descend from Heaven in the clouds of glory…and at this hour, which no man knows beforehand, the dead in Christ shall rise, then the redeemed that are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, and that so shall they ever be with the Lord; that also seeing that a thousand years is as a day with the Lord, and that no man knows the hour of His appearance, which we believe to be at hand, each day should be lived as though He were expected to appear at even, yet that in obedience to His explicit command, **“Occupy till I come”**, the work of spreading the gospel, the sending forth of missionaries, and the general duties for upbuilding the church should be carried on as diligently and thoroughly as though neither ours nor the next generation should live in the flesh to see that glorious day.

**PRAYER:**