

"Praying for the Day of the Lord"



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Warm-Up Question:

What are some of the broken things in the world or yourself that you are the most sick of and ready to be made new?

READ:

Philippians 1:6, Matthew 4:23 & 6:9-10, Revelation 22:17a & 20

I. THE DAY OF THE LORD: DEFINED

- ▶ From Romans 8:18-23, why should we long for Jesus to return?
- ▶ From Rev. 21:1-7; 22:3-5, describe how the Day of the Lord will include both restoration of all things and reunion with Jesus?
- ▶ What are some of the aspects of this life you love most? How will the new heavens and new earth be better after Jesus returns?
- ▶ Discuss why and how should being in the presence of Jesus and "having the face of God" be the best part of eternity.

II. THE DAY OF THE LORD: APPLIED

- ▶ How should knowing Jesus is coming back & our vision of eternity affect how we deal with those areas of brokenness we mentioned in the 1st question?
 - ▶ How should believing that encourage us to specially have JOY in it all?
 - ▶ How should believing that encourage us to have SECURITY/COURAGE?
 - ▶ How should believing that encourage us LIVE MORE ON MISSION?

What is one main take-away you want to apply in your life this week?

REMINDER

Try to leave more time to linger in prayer during this series.

DISCUSS

- ▶ What is most difficult about praying out loud in your small group?
- ▶ What is the value of praying together in a group vs. praying alone?

For Prayer Time:

- ▶ Pray for a longing for Jesus' return and the Day of the Lord
- ▶ Pray that God would bring you more joy, security, and passion to live on mission in light of the Day of the Lord



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Praying for the Day of the Lord

Rom. 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. **19** For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. **20** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope **21** that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. **22** For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. **23** And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Phil. 1:6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Matt. 4:23 And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

Matt. 6:9 Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Rev. 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. **2** And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. **4** He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Rev. 21:5 And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” **6** And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. **7** The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Rev. 22:3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. **4** They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. **5** And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Rev. 22:17 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.

Rev. 22:20 He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!