

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. Looking at all three passages, there are several references to time; what are they? In what way do these references help to link these passages together?
2. Verse 3 of Isaiah 2, and verse 13 of Romans 13, contain an exhortation; what is it? What is the basis for this exhortation?
3. In all three passages there is a reference to a person; note how that person is described in Isaiah. What will he do? Who is he?
4. In the Romans and Matthew passage the person is clearly Christ; how is he described? Has he come, or is he yet to come?
5. Putting all this together; what should our response be to the promise of Christ's coming?
6. What does it mean for us to "walk in his paths," or "walk properly as in the daytime"? What changes do we need to make?
7. What does it mean to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ"? Have we "put him on"? Is this something we do once and for all, or should we "put him on" more regularly?
8. How might hearing the call to "walk in his paths" or "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" inform our reflection during this penitential period of advent?



An Advent Study of ISAIAH 2:1-5, ROMANS 13:11-14 and MATTHEW 24:36-44

Advent is a time to remember and reflect. This week we reflect on the promise of Christ's coming and its implications for us.

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ISAIAH 2:1–5

- 1 *The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.*
- 2 *It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,*
- 3 *and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*
- 4 *He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.*
- 5 *O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.*

ROMANS 13:11–14

- 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.*
- 13 *Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.*
- 14 *But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

MATTHEW 24:36–44

- 36 *“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.*
- 37 *For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.*
- 38 *For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark,*
- 39 *and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.*
- 40 *Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left.*
- 41 *Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left.*
- 42 *Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.*
- 43 *But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.*
- 44 *Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*