

Who are You Expecting?

Advent sermon

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Text Jeremiah 33: 14-16

“The days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called the LORD our Righteousness.”

Our Sermonic Text calls for a teaching moment.”

Teaching Moment

__ It is a humbling experience to read through the Old Testament, and see just how frail and imperfect those heroes are.

== I am reminded and amazed to see, in my reading, how God, oftentimes, begins with the small things, and how he uses people from so many-- walks of life to do his work.

The book of Jeremiah combines history and biography and prophecy. It portrays a nation in crises. // It introduces the reader to an extraordinary leader upon whom the Lord places the heavy burden of the Prophetic Office.

****_ Research tells us that the prophets of the Old Testament received their messages through dreams and visions, and they, the prophets, were spokesperson for the Lord.**

The people of the Old Testament received the messages from the prophets--through sermons, writings and symbolic actions.

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This particular passage concerns an Eternal Davidic Dynasty; it is about the fulfillment of a prophecy.

.. Advent comes from the Latin word: meaning ‘to come’
.. Advent also has a double focus: //
.. It links us to the past and the future.

.. Advent symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals and a congregation.

.. It is marked by the Spirit of the coming of the Lord.
It is a season of hope and anticipation and about the purpose of Christ.

It is that hope how ever faint at times // about God however distant he sometimes seems // will bring us a king who will rule with truth, justice, and righteousness over his people.

***Just as many of the prophets of the Old Testament were—each of us is destined for something. A purpose that, often times, seems unclear, or vague, at best.

Many of us want nothing more than to know our purpose. We don't want to feel as if we've just been plopped down to fumble our way to the end. We too, want to know that there's' a reason for our being here.

Let Us Pray

Eternal Father,

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight O LORD my strength, and my Redeemer. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen and Amen.

I ask you, this morning, that you keep your mind open as I speak to you from our

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Subject: Who are We Expecting?

(repeat)

As I continued to study this text I remembered the excitement in my family during the Christmas holiday when I was growing, and we were expecting guest.

It was all about the coming of Someone Special. We were told, "Company is coming."

While we were getting ready for our guest, we had to clean the house, you might say, from the top to the bottom. It seemed to me, back then, as if we cleaned every thing for weeks.

****You see, it was the time for us to gather the tree, // the wreaths; // the holly bushes, and a whole lot of other things..**

****But the excitement, the joy and the anticipation far out weighted all that work.**

During that holiday, we used our best things: the good dishes; // the best linens. Plus, we were careful to obey every rule that we remembered.

For us, the company we were looking forward to would be someone in the family, that we didn't see very often.

My question for you this morning
during this Season of Advent is
Who are You Expecting?

****We are expecting the one who has insight and alertness of mind;**

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****We are expecting the one who accepts solitude; fatigue and perils as incidents along his way.**

I'm convinced that: We are expecting the one who knows about pain // and pleasure that are the scenery and the environment of the soul.

****We are expecting the one who want argue or threaten as the Scribes do to prove his POV.**

I'm convinced that:

***We are expecting someone who is given to notice the beautiful in nature, and in character he detects qualities working worthy of love even in unlovable lives.**

I'm convinced this morning that

****We are expecting one that is equipped with Spiritual authority, one who confronts his adversaries with testimony of scripture. _____**

L o n g P a u s e

--W h o are we expecting? ---

****We are expecting someone from the ancestral line of King David.**

My Bible tells me:

++He will not be a social agitator, but a Religious Teacher; // not a reformer, but a Revealer;

My Bible tells me:

****We are expecting someone who will teach as one having authority; //**

--- not primarily concerned with social conditions, but concerned about the soul of man.

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****My job this morning is a simple one. It is to tell you about our Savior.**

****We are expecting someone who is accessible // who is not occupied in doing his own will, but in doing the will of his Father.**

__If you want to get to know him as your personal Lord and Savior.

.. + You can call on him in the morning;

.. You can call him when you are all alone;

.. You can call on him during the good times;

.. You can call him during the not so good times;

.. You can call on him when you are feeling confused,

.. You can call him when someone lies on you;

.. You can call on him, and it doesn't matter... when, where nor why.

Long _ _ _ _ Pause

All you need to do is call him by name, and he will hear you when you call his name.

My soul is happy this morning.

Who are you expecting?

May God bless you!!!