**Morning Watch Making Ourselves Ready For The Lord’s Coming – Week 3 July 24-30, 2023**

**By Giving Heed to the Prophetic Word as to a Lamp Shining in a Dark Place**

**Until the Day Dawns and the**

**Morning Star Rises in Our Hearts**

**Monday *7*/24**

**Rom. 13:12**

**12** The night is far advanced, and the day has drawn near. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the weapons of light.

**1 Thes. 5:4-8**

**4** But you, brothers, are not in darkness that the day should overtake you like a thief;

**5** For you are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

**6** So then let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us watch and be sober.

**7** For those who sleep, sleep during the night, and those who get drunk are drunk during the night;

**8** But since we are of the day, let us be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love and a helmet, the hope of salvation.

**Luke 12:40**

**40** You also, be ready, because at an hour when you do not expect it, the Son of Man is coming.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord’s Coming – Week 3, Day 1*

**Tuesday 7/25**

**2 Pet. 1:19**

**19** And we have the prophetic word made more firm, to which you do well to give heed as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

**Psa. 119:105, 130**

**105** Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

**130** The opening of Your words gives light, Imparting understanding to the simple.

**John 1:1, 4-5**

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

**5** And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

**John 8:12**

**12** Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord’s Coming – Week 3, Day 2*

**Wednesday 7/26**

**2 Pet. 1:19**

***See Tuesday***

**2 Tim. 4:8**

**8** Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, with which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will recompense me in that day, and not only me but also all those who have loved His appearing.

**Rev. 22:16**

**16** I Jesus have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright morning star.

**Mal. 4:2**

**2** But unto you who fear My name will the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings, and you will go forth and leap about like well-fed calves.

**Eph. 5:14**

**14** Therefore He says, Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

**Matt. 4:16**

**16** The people sitting in darkness have seen a great light; and to those sitting in the region and shadow of death, to them light has risen."

**Further Reading:**  *HWMR Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord’s Coming – Week 3, Day 3*

**Thursday 7/27**

**Rev. 2:28**

**28** And to him I will give the morning star**.**

**Matt. 24:42-44**

***See Lord’s Day***

**Isa. 55:6-7**

**6** Seek Jehovah while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near.

**7** Let the wicked forsake his way, And the evildoer, his thoughts; And let him return to Jehovah, and He will have compassion on him; And to our God, for He will pardon abundantly.

**2 Tim. 1:12**

**12** For which cause also I suffer these things; but I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that He is able to guard my deposit unto that day.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord’s Coming – Week 3, Day 4*

**Friday 7/28**

**Matt. 2:2**

**2** Saying, Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star at its rising and have come to worship Him.

**Rev. 22:16**

***See Wednesday***

**John 5:39-40**

**39** You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that testify concerning Me.

**40** Yet you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

**John 6:63**

**63** It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

**Isa. 55:10-11**

**10** For just as the rain comes down And the snow from heaven, And does not return there, Until it waters the earth And makes it bear and sprout forth, That it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater;

**11** So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me vainly, But it will accomplish what I delight in, And it will prosper in the matter to which I have sent it.

**Further Reading:**  *HWMR Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord’s Coming – Week 3, Day 5*

**Saturday 7/29**

**Matt. 2:9-10**

**9** And after they heard the king, they went their way, and behold, the star which they saw at its rising led them until it came and stood over the place where the child was.

**10** And when they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

**Jer. 15:16**

**16** Your words were found and I ate them, And Your word became to me The gladness and joy of my heart, For I am called by Your name, O Jehovah, God of hosts.

**2 Cor. 4:6**

**6** Because the God who said, Out of darkness light shall shine, is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Acts 26:18**

**18** To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.

**Matt. 25:6**

**6** But at midnight there was a cry, Behold, the bridegroom! Go forth to meet him!

**Further Reading:**  *HWMR Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord’s Coming – Week 3, Day 6*

**Lord’s Day 7/30**

**Matt. 24:36-44**

**36** But concerning that day and hour, no one knows, not even the angels of the heavens nor the Son, but the Father only.

**37** For just as the days of Noah were, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

**38** For as they were in those days before the flood, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day in which Noah entered into the ark,

**39** And they did not know that judgment was coming until the flood came and took all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

**40** At that time two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left.

**41** Two women will be grinding at the mill; one is taken and one is left.

**42** Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord comes.

**43** But know this, that if the householder had known in which watch the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

**44** For this reason you also be ready, because at an hour when you do not expect it, the Son of Man is coming.

**Hymns,** *#666*

**Further Reading:**

*Truth Lessons—Level Four, vol. 1, lsn. 1*

**Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Romans**

**Level 1—Romans Sequential Study**

**Scripture:** *Rom. 14:13-16:27*

**Assigned Reading:** *Life-study of Romans, msgs. 29-30*

**Level 2—Romans Topical Study**

**Crucial Point:** *Minding the Spirit and Walking according to Our Mingled Spirit*

**Scripture:** *Rom. 1:9; 8:4-6; 12:11*

**Assigned Reading:** *Life-study of Romans,* msgs. 39, 50-51, 66, 68-69

**Supplemental Reading:** *Crystallization-study of the Epistle to the Romans*, chs. *15-16*

**Hymn:** *745*

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