

Daily Devotion For December 16, 2021

“They that **wait upon the Lord** shall renew their strength.....” Isaiah 40:31

2021 has been quite a year. This week we read where the death toll from the coronavirus pandemic in the United States has surpassed 800,000. But we do give thanks that the long awaited vaccines were made ready and to date, 61% of the U.S. have been vaccinated.

As the nation continues to wait upon the rest of the country to be vaccinated or receive their booster shots, it reminds me that waiting is what Advent is all about. The Old Testament reveals to us that for centuries the people waited for the coming Messiah.

Advent is about the waiting, the longing, the hope that something better is on its way. It's about waiting on God promising and fulfilling His promises of a better world, a new kingdom and a perfect King.

Over 2000 years ago, Jesus Christ was born into humble circumstances. He lived a perfect life and laid down his life as a sacrifice so that all who believe in Him will have access to God's coming kingdom. And then He rose from the dead and returned to His heavenly throne. This was a fulfillment of a promise God had been making for centuries, and it was followed by a second, even more wonderful, promise: Jesus said that he would come back again and make all things right and new.

Thought For Today: This season, we remember the true meaning of Advent: the long awaited Savior of the World has come in the person of God's only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. God has promised great joy to those who have hoped in Him.

Today's Prayer Focus: What family members or friends can you be praying for that they would come to know the hope and joy that can be found in Jesus. Continue to pray for the Helen Nakano family as the funeral service for her daughter Susan is this morning at 10:00 a.m. Deo Volente.