

Daily Devotion For December 10, 2022

“Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and **wait** for the LORD.”
Psalm 27:14

Yesterday I was able to make an appointment for my pulmonary function test that I hope will give doctors some guidance on why I am short of breath. Unfortunately, I have to wait until January 5th which is their first available appointment.

2022 has been quite a year. A war in Ukraine, high inflation and economic challenges, natural disasters, and sociopolitical tension across our country and around the world have left many people feeling weary and waiting for relief.

What many don't realize is that this is what Advent is about — the waiting, the longing, the hope that something better is on its way. It's about God promising and fulfilling His promises of a better world, a new Kingdom, and a perfect King.

Over 2000 years ago, Jesus Christ, The Messiah, was born into humble circumstances, a stable in Bethlehem. 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.

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, at his second coming, will come 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. Are you eagerly awaiting the second coming of Christ?

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? Take time to do that now. Deo Volente.