



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SANFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST



The Promise - *Acts 1:6-11*

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, *“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”*

A dramatic landscape featuring a long, straight road that recedes into the distance. The road is flanked by fields of crops, possibly corn, under a heavy, dark, and stormy sky filled with large, billowing clouds. The overall mood is ominous and foreboding.

**ARE WE LIVING IN THE
END TIMES?**

ACTS 2:16 – 21
(ESV)

16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:
17 “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;
18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; 20 the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. 21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Hebrews 1:1-2 (ESV)

1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, **2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, *through whom also he created the world.*


IS IT POSSIBLE TO KNOW WHEN
JESUS IS
COMING BACK?



A wide-angle photograph of a golden wheat field at sunset. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, partially obscured by a few dark clouds. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with wispy white clouds. In the distance, a line of trees is silhouetted against the bright sky. The foreground is filled with the heads of wheat, some showing green weeds growing alongside them.

PARABLE OF THE
WEEDS AMONG WHEAT

MATTHEW 13:24

An hourglass with a dark metal frame and glass bulbs is placed on a dark, textured rock. The background is a soft-focus sunset over a beach, with the sun low on the horizon and waves visible. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

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

Matthew 24:36 (ESV)

2 Peter 3:3-4

[3] Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, [4] and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

2 Peter 3:10

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

ARE YOU PREPARED TO

MEET GOD?



2 PETER 3:11 - 13

ESV

What sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:5 – 10 (ESV)

5 This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— 6 since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels 8 in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, 10 when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.



*The
Separation*

Matthew 25:31-46

**"PREPARE TO
MEET THY
GOD"**

- AMOS 4:12C



Are

You

Prepared?

A black and white photograph of a young boy standing outdoors. He is wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt, a white bow tie, and a white argyle vest. He is holding a large white sign with both hands above his head. The sign has the text "PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD" written in a bold, stylized, 3D-effect font. The background shows a street with utility poles and trees.

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