

Wait Till Your Father Comes Home! (Isaiah 64:1-9)

Introduction: Growing up hearing – “*Wait till your father comes home...*”

- I. ADVENT: GOD IS COMING! (Hmmm...)
 - A. We like to apply this to the joys of Christmas (Isa. 64:1)
 - B. New Testament scripture frequently applies this to Judgment Day (1 Thess.5:2; I Thess.4:16; Matt. 25:13,31)
 - C. The Old Testament does the same (Amos 5:18-20; Isa. 13:6-9)
- II. ADVENT: GOD IS COMING! (Oh no...)
 - A. We have sinned and our just God is angry (Isa. 64:5b)
 - B. Our “good deeds” cannot prevent His judgment (Isa. 64:6a)
 - **What about our *polluted garment*** (v.6a)
 - C. Our sin brings us destruction (Isa. 64:6b & 7)
- III. ADVENT: GOD IS COMING! (Hurray!!)
 - A. God is also our loving Father (Isa. 64:8)
 - B. Repentance brings forgiveness (Isa. 64:9)
 - C. Advent announces the coming of our loving God “in the flesh” (John 1:14)
 - ***Incarnation: in the flesh***
 - D. This loving *God in the flesh* comes to us at –
 - 1. Bethlehem`s manger &
 - 2. Calvary`s cross &
 - 3. The empty tomb &
 - 4. The end of the world

Conclusion: “*Wait till your father comes home!*”
(The story of my old baseball glove)