



SERMON OUTLINE FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2014

“Wait Till Your Father Comes Home!”

Isaiah 64:1-9

INTRODUCTION:

The old TV show *Leave It to Beaver* & its recurring refrain:
“*Wait till your father comes home.*”

- I. ADVENT: GOD IS COMING! (Hmmm...)
 - A. We like to apply this to the joys of Christmas
 - B. The New Testament often applies this to Judgement Day
(1 Thessalonians 5:2;4:16; Matthew 25:13,31)
 - C. The Old Testament does the same (Amos 5:18-30; Isaiah 13:6-9)
- II. ADVENT: GOD IS COMING! (Oh no...)
 - A. We have sinned and our just God is angry
 - B. Our ‘good deeds’ cannot prevent His judgement (Isaiah 64:5)
 - C. Our sins bring us destruction (Isaiah 64:6)
- III. ADVENT: GOD IS COMING! (Hurray!)
 - A. God is also our loving Father (Isaiah 64:8-9)
 - B. Repentance brings forgiveness
 - C. Advent announces the coming of our loving ‘God in the flesh’
(John 1:14)
 - D. This God comes to us at the manger, the cross, the empty tomb &
the end of the world (Revelation 22:20)

CONCLUSION: “*Wait till your father comes home!*”

(A Christmas story from my own childhood)