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SERMON OUTLINE -- NOVEMBER 20, 2022

God's Alarm Clock

(Mark 13:32-37)

INTRODUCTION: *Did you know God has an alarm clock?*

I. JESUS WILL RETURN AT THE END OF THE WORLD

- A. No one knows when (v.32)
- B. Scripture doesn't tell us when (1 Thessalonians 5:1-2)
- C. So what are we to do in the meantime? (v.33)
- D. *Sir Ernest Shackleton's men at the South Pole*
- E. We are remaining faithful & alert

II. WE ARE TO BE WATCHING AND READY

- A. Are your "bags packed" for your death... for judgement day...
why are so many of us unprepared?
- B. This day can come when we least expect it
- C. Doorkeepers are ready at "evening, midnight, cock crow, dawn" (v.35)

III. SO MANY TODAY HAVE "NODDED OFF" & ARE UNPREPARED

- A. Today's text likens them to doorkeepers "catching '40 winks'" (v.36-37)
- B. Why do so many around us "nod off"?
- C. Remember *79 A.D Pompeii & Mt Vesuvius...*

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IV. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE READY FOR JESUS' RETURN?

- A. Today's second lesson from Jude tells us!
- B. *Be built up in the holy faith* (v.20)
- C. *Keep ourselves in God's love* (v.21)
- D. *Showing mercy to the weak* (v.22)
- E. *Snatching others from the fire* (v.23)
- F. *Hating sin & ungodliness* (v.23)
- G. *Upheld by Jesus* (v.24)
- H. **NOTE:** The three wonderful things Jesus does for you now & at the day of judgement (v.24)

CONCLUSION: *Hooray for alarm clocks!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Service at 10:30am on Sunday, Nov 27

Please join us for a special joint (English & Chinese) service on Sunday, November 27, as we celebrate the beginning of the season of Advent. Come learn more about Advent and some of the promises that God gave His people that Jesus, the Messiah, would come. ***This special service will include songs and skits by the children and youth of the congregation.***

Congregational Meeting at Noon on Sun, Nov 27

Everyone is invited to the congregational meeting in the Church Hall following the Special Service. The Agenda will include:

1. 2023 Budget – Voters to approve
 2. Calling a Pastor – Update
 3. Parsonage – Update
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Young Adults (18-30ish)

On Wednesday, join us at 6pm for supper and a video study.