

A young man from a distant land informed his people that he was coming home. Would they not feel happy on receiving the message and await his arrival? Likewise, the Lord also promised to come. Would the young man fail to come after his message? Would he not come some time or the other? In the manner his people waited for him, if we also wait him to the promised land. We believe this O Lord, and praise Thee.

2. A certain young man wrote home that he was arriving by a particular ship. So, his people went to the port at 'Kakinada', to receive him. The ship arrived; but, for some reason the young man did not turn up. His people went home disappointed. But, the young man arrived by the next ship. Seeing that his people were not there to receive him, he went back. Similarly, many people just leave, finding the coming of the Lord delayed. As the young man arrived by the second ship unexpectedly, the Lord also will come and take with Him those who are ready. So, let us pray to Him to prepare us to go with Him, even if His coming is delayed. O Lord, even if Thy coming keeps us waiting, grant us Thy grace to be ever prepared to go with Thee, without joining those who remain unprepared and deny themselves Thy eternal presence. With this faith we offer our praises.

3. A certain man wrote that he was arriving by a particular train and that she was to receive him, failing which he would never more come home. The wife prepared the food and went to the railway station in time. That day, it so happened the train was late by two hours. So, she went home, intending to come back by the expected time. But, when she was away, the train arrived, the husband alighted the train, searched for his wife all over the place and finding that she was not there, he felt sad and disappointed, and left by the same train to another place. In the same way, if we wait for the Lord and become complacent about His Advent, He may come unexpectedly and we cannot join with Him. So, it is imperative for us to be waiting for Him prepared, so that we may accompany

Him. O Lord, grant us Thy grace to wait for Thy Advent well prepared, for which we offer our praises.

4. A certain passenger, on reaching the Godavari railway station was informed that the train had already left. As the train was to stop at the Rajahmundry railway station, 3Km away, for half an hour, he immediately engaged a rickshaw and reached the station, bought his ticket and boarded the train. In the same manner, we also should use our discretion, complete our earthly responsibilities in time to prepare for the Lord's Second coming. Even if delayed by any chance, we must, by any means, receive the Rapture cloud. O Lord, we believe that Thou shalt bless and guide us to use our intellect like the passenger so that we may partake of Thy Advent.

5. A certain weaver was weaving a blanket, just before his scheduled departure by a train. As there was just a little work to be completed, he asked his people to go in advance and buy tickets including for him. He completed the work quickly, set up everything properly and went to the station. But as he arrived late, the train had gone. So also, we may fail to catch the Rapture as in the case of the inadvertent delay of the passenger. O Lord, prepare us not to fall victim to such delay at the time of Thy second coming. We praise and glorify Thee for Thy care.

6. Some people take upon themselves manifold responsibilities, and getting engrossed with them, forget about the coming of the Lord. Meanwhile, He comes and takes with Him those who have waited and kept themselves ready. Those who first complete all their jobs and then wait for Lord will find that the Event has

already happened Similarly, those who are obsessed with their worldly interests will eventually fail to meet the Lord. O Lord, grant us manner and trusting which we praise Thee.

7. Those who are not mindful of the Adevent prayer scriptures and thoughts cannot be a part of the Lord's coming. Hence, we must keep our kinds on these, whatever be our regular obligations, in order to have access to the Lord's glory. O Lord, we trust Thou wilt keep in us the thoughts of Thy coming; and for it accept our eternal praises.

8. Just as a farmer, cleanses the grains of the stones in a threshing floor, sieving and sifting the grain from the chaff, we also have to discard our sinful thoughts and evil ways. Then only can we give Thee our eternal praise.

9. A certain women had a girl baby. The baby crawled around and soiled her self. The mother washed her. Again time the mother washed her. Likewise, we have to cleanse our minds of evil thoughts and regularly sanctify ourselves with the blood of our Lord Jesus christ. If we fail to do so instantly, it will be too late. The moment we fall in sin, we must purify ourselves with the Lord's blood of Jesus', a constant refrain in our lives. O Lord, we glorify Thee because Thou wilt give us Thy grace to partake of Thy coming.

10. Those who go on a long journey cannot travel comfortbly unless they have breakfast, lunch, dinner, and coffee both morning and evening. So also, unless we enjoy the spiritual food of the Lord's Body and Blood, we cannot make the journey of this life. Only by taking the Lord's communion can we enter into the Lord's Rap-

ture. O Lord, we believe that we are strengthened to join Thy Rapture by being nourished with Thy 'Holy Eucharist' Thou hast kept ready for us, and we offer Thee our exaltations.

11. There are some in the Christian congregations who say that the second coming is near at hand. Only some believe it. Some others do not. O Lord, if those who do not believe have a change of heart, prepare them for Thy Advent. Let those who have believed be strengthened in their faith. Create the faith in those who are sceptical. Prepare all those who do not believe, who cannot believe and have already believed in Thy coming. We trust that thou wilt make Thy church ready for Thy coming, and we our salutations.

12. Among the heathen, there are people who have accepted the Lord and also those who remain in their unbelief. How can they be prepared for the Rapture? Somebody has to guide and instruct them, or else they will be lost. Whether they are prepared or not, we pray that they be helped to prepare.

13. Christians avow that the 'Second Coming' will follow certain signs. But we have to pray for those who make light of this belief saying that these very signs have already been there, and there is no perceptible change even today. Hence, we have to pray that the believers record the various signs manifested at different times, in different countries, and which are yet to be revealed, and also the extra signs outside the Bible. We have to pray that these be written soon, in order that the whole world may become aware of them. O Lord, we trust Thou wilt raise such devout followers to write and show to the world the signs of Thy coming and we ex-

press our grateful thanks to Thee.

14. In the present day world, some people are printing the Gospel tracts and distributing them to a large number of people. They are doing this inspired by the Lord. Among those tracts, (1) some refer to the modern times, (2) some others speak of the Second Coming of the Lord and (3) the rest speak of the prophecies. These tracts are being sent gratis. As these are being blessed by the Lord, may He be praised.

15. It is twenty centuries since the birth of Christianity and during these twenty centuries, what things happened, how many accepted Christ, how many signs of the Lord's Coming were manifested, what kind of glory was given to the Lord through them and what things were happening in the world, were all recorded by Father Devadas in a book which he preserved carefully. Subsequently, somebody took it, promising to return it. He has not sent it back till now. If the book can be traced, all the signs of His coming will be known, and any amount of God's work can be done. Please pray for the retrieval of the book. It will help us to know how the heathen turned to Christ and how they were blessed.

Prayer :- Gracious Father, some people are preparing themselves for Thy Coming and some are not. Some are intending to prepare and some are making efforts to prepare, but they are unable to prepare. So, help us all prepare for Thy Coming and have the privilege of joining Thee into the Final Dispensation.

16. King Saul, despite being anointed, and receiving the Spirit and being victorious in battles finally went astray. In the same way, some Christians remain steadfast almost till the end, and get

dispirited and lose themselves at the eleventh hour, We thank Thee, for Thou wilt keep us from falling victim to such situations.

17. Those who have never heard about the Salvation nor the Second Advent, may succeed in being accepted in the last moments, just as those who reach the railway station late, may be able to catch the train as it is in motion. Did not the thief on the cross have a change of heart in that last moment? We believe that Thou wilt give us grace to partake of Thy Coming in that manner, for which we express our grateful praise.

18. Some people experience the change of heart while on death bed, and very few of them get prepared for Thy Coming, and that is out of Thy grace. We implore Thee to grant us that grace, and we give our thanks.

19. Some believers are in the process of completing their good works when the Advent happens, and some who are ready for Thy Advent, may join Thee even if they are having their food. We thank That Thou wilt grant us the grace of being Raptured in whatever state we are at the time, and for that we express our thanks.

20. Some of Thy faithful are raised into Thy Rapture even while sleeping and for that our heart-felt gratitude.

21. Some believer might be mourning the death of another person elsewhere. Yet, he may be Raptured.

22. One would like to return to native home as in the case of a daughter going to her father's place. So also the faithful await the Coming of the Lord as the bride waits for the bridegroom's arrival. So, the Church like the Bride shall meet the Bridegroom Jesus as He

comes. Those who faith to 'wait' shall miss it. We praise Thee, Lord, because Thou wilt help us become the 'Waiting Church'.

23. In a certain village there were many clashes. A man came to see his ailing daughter and found the depraved situation of the village. He felt that it was not safe to keep his daughter there, and took her away. Likewise, this is a filthy world, a world steeped in sin, a world of troubles caused by sins, a world of famines, diseases, poisonous reptiles, devoid of hope, a world of death and evil spirits and a world of men under the direct influence of devil So, the Lord will take us to the heavenly abode and that is the Second Coming. Would the daughter decline to go with her father? Similarly, we also should not hesitate to go into the clouds with the Lord. We should declare to God 'I am ready', my God and my Lord, and for declaring thus. We trust Thou wilt grant us Thy grace and we praise Thee.

24. The billowing waves in a sea make noise caused by strong winds, both day and night. Like that wind, God's Holy Spirit is moving the heart of the faithful without ceasing. Then they praise God for receiving the Salvation and rejoice in the Coming of the Lord with praises. O Lord, teach us both such kinds of praises.

25. Our Lord, the sun, the moon and the stars, Thou didst create in the beginning of the creation, are still shining in the firmament. They are moving in their appointed spheres. In the same way, bless us to walk steadfastly with the lights of joy and prepare us for Thy Advent. Grant us Thy grace to glorify Thee for Thy Salvation and the hope of Advent.

26. O Lord, make our spirits Thou hast placed in

us keep on meditating upon Thee. Grant us Thy grace to make our spirits one with Thee. Enable us to praise Thee with our spirit, and we trust and believe that Thou wilt give us the mind to praise Thee regarding the Salvation and Thy Coming till the time we reach Thy cloud of Shekhina. And for this we offer our grateful thanks.

27. Lord, transform our written praises which are true and acceptable to Thee. What is written may be erased; but the praise received through the help of Thy Spirit remains indelible. We magnify Thee for granting us such praise.

28. O God, grant us Thy grace to make our praises as sure and genuine as the written document.

29. The Lord's Coming is as certain as the Salvation. Make our exaltation and preparation as certain.

30. While attaining to the glory of heaven we discard our mortal coil. Similarly, enable us to shed our short coming which may be in our praises, Advent preparation and faith.

31. The praising prayers written on paper with pen may be blotted out. But the praises written by the Spirit on the parchment of heart shall not be removed. We beseech Thee to write thus.

32. A certain young man, by name Jesudas, migrated to Rajahmundry from the nearby district. He started roaming on the roads and also dancing while preaching to people about the Second Coming of Christ and urging them to know, to pray and to him out of curiosity. He did not have any salary for doing it. He was an illiterate. He would go into the streets in the morning and preach till twelve noon. Then he had done His service. Somebody would come, and finding his need,

give him some food. One day he went to Dowleswaram, a village near Rajahmundry, and started preaching. The police put him behind the bars. There, from the prison he preached to the constables and the inspector. Then they let him off saying that he was God's servant.

Those who are educated have to do the Lord's work still more in preaching about His Coming. Let us pray that God may raise such preachers. This man got his food through faith. In another incident, he happened to be walking through a forest, and saw a tiger sitting on the way. He started ringing the cymbals and jumping, and told the tiger that as he did not come to harm him, he also should not. So saying, he jumped in front of the tiger, and the tiger fled. Such people with deep faith can be ready for the coming of the Lord. They can defy the devil. O Lord, grant us Thy grace to have such faith to defy Satan.

33. If a great dignitary like the Governor of a State is expected to visit, people keep the area decent and presentable by cleaning up the houses, white-washing them and keeping the roads well-trimmed. If the King of Kings is expected, should we not do much better? Lord, grant us Thy grace to prepare ourselves suitably.

34. When the first railway train passed through Rajahmundry, people came out of their houses, fields and markets and ran to witness the new wonder. In the same way, people should get ready from all the directions-East, West, North and South, to join the Lord's train.

35. Lord Jesus, as Thou art the Divine person anointed to bring Salvation to us, Thy people, we give Thee eternal praises.

36. Jesus, our Lord, it was prophesied in the Old Testament that Thou wouldst come in the human incarnation into this world. They were all unique promises concerning Thy first Coming which became forerunner of the of the ensuing advent for which we praise Thee.

37. Our Lord, Thy birth was unique among the human beings. It is a prelude to Thy Second Coming. Hence our praises to Thee.

38. Moreover, the life Thou didst lead in this world was great history. It points to Thy Second Coming and we praise Thee.

39. Our Lord, Thy death on the cross was something exclusive, not experienced by anybody else. This points to Thy Second Coming, So, we exalt Thee.

40. O Lord, Thy resurrection was glorious never known to anybody else. We see Thy Second Coming in it, and we Loud Thee.

41. O Lord, Thy ascension is not only beyond the comprehension of people, but also a unique one, unlike that of Enoch and Elijah. It is a sure sign of Thy Second Advent.

42. Thy expected Coming generates desire in awaiting you in great suspense, and thus it is a peculiar ascension of the Church. It is the solemnizing of the divine marriage. Thy Coming, riding on the clouds, is one that draws the Church to itself. It's also a Coming, confusing the world. Therefore, our thanks to Thee. Prepare us for such a strange Advent. We salute Thee.

43. Ever since the earth was formed, Thou hast been coming whenever Thy devotees are calling upon Thee. If we count them, they would be many occasions of Thy Coming meant for each one. Therefore, we glo-

rify Thee.

44. When certain officials are expected to visit a village, the village munsif makes a proclamation and orders the people to keep the streets clean, removing garbage and other obstructions, white-wash the houses with frontage on the street, at their own cost. The people obey without protest. Likewise, signs are proclaiming the Coming of Lord Jesus Christ. The preachers exhort you to clean up your hearts and prepare yourselves confessing your sins. They don't enter into your hearts to do the job. You have to do at your own initiative. You have to offer prayers and praises spontaneously. You have to learn the lessons of His Coming by yourselves. Lord, create in us the ability and the possibility to prepare ourselves for Thy Coming. So, we laud Thee.

45. Even the saints and angles in heaven are eagerly waiting for the Lord's Advent, although they are not in need. How much more eager should we be, knowing that we need salvation? O Lord, the people around us are asking when Thou art Coming. Answer them on our behalf.

46. O Lord, we are informing the world about the Salvation and Thy Coming in our own manner. Now we entreat Thee to instruct us to proclaim Thy Salvation and coming in Thine own manner. Of Thy manner we are ignorant. As Thou art going to give the message of Thy Coming, we praise Thee.

47. 'Oh! men of independent spirit, stop for a while and listen to me. The Lord Jesus, the Saviour of the world, will come riding on the clouds and take His faithful alive to the mid-skies. Such faithful will not taste death. We urge message to the whole world.

48. Some years ago medical researchers prepared some medicine in tablets to get rid of mice. Those who bought them kept in their rooms. Some mice swallowed them which caused terror in them, They did not return any more. So, this became an effective method to drive out the mice. In the same manner, O Lord, dictate to our prayer group waiting upon Thee, the message of Thy Salvation and Coming, which we would print and publish in English and distribute it, around the five continents. Then those who are literate will experience great fear, worry and confusion. The sceptics will have mental aberration. This is fearful, but still it paves the way to Salvation. This is the newfinal appeal that we make to Thee. This will create tremors in human hearts. Then all will cry aloud entreating Thee to save them and prepare themselves for their own Salvation. We praise Thee for Thou art going to cause this tremor.

49. When people are busy with their jobs, we see that on hearing about the arrival of somebody, announced by some others, they stop their work and listen to the message. So also do the people in this world when they hear us proclaiming that the Lord Jesus is Coming again, soon. As our declaration rings in their ears, they will listen carefully. Some may believe and some may not. Yet, we should not mind. Lord, send the message of Thy Coming in this manner, loud and clear.

50. Our dear Lord, how can Thy salvation and Advent message reach the cannibals?. If preachers go to them they kill and eat them. Such people live in Assam, Naga hills and forests in Africa. Some live naked. Some have assumed the form of gibbons. They have no intellect. How can the Salvation and Thy Advent message

reach them? Some missionaries went for the purpose and were consumed by them who also ate up their clothes. How can we make them hear this Gospel?.

Answer:- To convey to such people the news of Salvation 'the sage of Salvation 'the sage of Kailah' should take the initiative followed by those coming from the "waiting prayer". Lord, let this work be wrought in us the way Thou canst get it done through us.

51. Thou didst send Thy message by the donkey in human voice to Balaam who had disobeyed Thee. Now in these days also there are heathens who accept Thee and Christians sceptic about Thy Coming and nominal Christians. Can't they be taught by their own animals and is it contrary to Thy plan of Salvation? Lord, we pray that Thou wilt convey the message of Thy Coming in the manner acceptable to Thee.

52. Dear Lors, Thou didst multiply the small amount of food and didst feed five thousand people. Even now, would it not be possible to feed thousands of the hungry and give them Thy Gospel? This prayer is in accordance with the history of the Boble.

53. Lord Jesus, I entreat Thee to have any news editor or author record the following tract: the signs that precede the Second Coming, in the first block; the Bible references about those signs, in the second block; on which days these signs are manifested, in the third block; the signs that are yet to be fulfilled, in the fourth block; the signs of Coming which are not recorded in the Bible, in the fifth block; the days on which they were fulfilled, in the sixth block; and the places where the two types of signs are fulfilled, in the seventh blick. In the event of these being not published, let it be conveyed by Thee in

the 'waiting prayer' which we would publish. Help us realize this prayer.

54. Lord Jesus, Thou didst declare that Thou wouldst come. Yet, Thou art delaying. Help us to explain this delay to others.

55. It was said that the Lord's Coming would happen soon, following the signs in the creation and the believers hearts. 'Soon' is the word to signify the time which is the sign for the believer. If it is beyond the understanding of one person, it can be discussed among a group. Let it not be made a cause of annoyance. Lord, Thou art Coming soon; help us get ready soon.

56, Lord, prepare for Thy Coming, people from all races. Prepare those who belong to different languages. Prepare those who are in different conditions- sinful, diseased, in poverty, in difficulties, depressed and dying. prepare those who have heard Thy Word, who have heard but not accepted, who have accepted but are still backsliding. Prepare at least some among the cannibals, Some in the world may qualify themselves for Salvation before death. Some, inspite of beling believers, miss the great Event. So, prepare those who are willing for it? Lord, bless the children. As they commit no sin to zffered Thee, take them also in Thy Rap- ture. We thank Thee for giving ear to this prayer.

57. While the city of Sodom was being destroyed, angels came and saved some people from the inferno. But Abraham prayed in vain, yet, he was not depressed. When their prayers are not fulfilled, those who are preparing for the Advent should not feel depressed. O Lord, we trust Thou wilt keep us from getting distressed, and we glorify Thee.

58. In a certain town, the family head arranges his son's wedding. And in a different town, the father arranges his daughter's wedding. But the bridegroom and the bride do not have any communication according to tradition in India. As human beings are born into this sinful world, the Lord purifies them with His own blood. Christ, the Bridegroom and Church, the Bride communicate with each other in the hour of fellowship. We praise Thee, Lord, for giving this liberty to Thy Church.

59. Our gracious Lord Jesus, we thank Thee for coming into our midst in the "hour of waiting" and teaching us about Thy Advent. Let these be conveyed to all the people in the world. Let them record the messages in the same manner we are doing it. As Thou art teaching us every day, do likewise for them whether they accept or not, as Thou didst instruct the prophet Ezekiel to speak to the people despite their unbelief. We are propagating about Thy Advent in our writings, but it is insufficient. Even if we declare personally, it falls short of the expectation. It suffices if Thou dost teach them. It will influence their hearts and intellect. We thank Thee for at least Thou wilt help them receive it by their understanding.

60. Thou hast informed us in the vision that we did not have enough perseverance and did not wait for Thy response. It is true. Enable us to wait upon Thee with patience and true perseverance. We give Thee our innumerable thanks.

61. When God asked Abraham to 'go' to the land that He was going to show, he did not ask 'how' and 'which way'. Also as God promised a son to Abraham,

he did not ask 'how' and 'when'. He simply believed and kept quiet. Even when the son was born late, he did not discard his faith. Sarah did not believe and the Lord admonished her for laughing at the promise. Abraham also lagged, but saluted, believing that nothing was impossible to God. We have been waiting for the past two thousand years for the Second Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom Isaac, the son of Abraham, was a forerunner. We must believe and prepare patiently. We praise Thee, trusting that Thou wilt give us the faith of Abraham in our preparation for Thy Coming.

62. Isaac, as the Bridegroom did not go to the bride, Rebecca's place. Eliezer, the servant of Abraham fetched the bride. The distance between the two places is long. Similarly, the distance between the Lord Jesus, the sun of Righteousness in heaven and the Church on the earth is great. Eliezer signifies the Holy Spirit. As Eliezer prepared Rebecca, the Holy Spirit is preparing the Church. As Eliezer presented ornaments to Rebecca, the Holy Spirit is adorning the Church with various Gifts. It is happening now. The Holy Spirit shall prepare us if we are in the Advent Church. As Rebecca was not able to adorn herself, we also cannot do likewise to ourselves, as the Bride. Rebecca supplied water, thinking Eliezer to be a traveller. O Lord, just as Eliezer prepared Rebecca as the Bride and fetched her to Isaac, the Holy Spirit will prepare the Church on the earth as Thy Bride and bring her to Thee. Grant us Thy grace to be a part of that Church. When Rebecca was asked whether she was willing to go with Eliezer, she replied in the affirmative. She did not say that she would consider and give her reply. She did not hide herself nor did she become

bashful. She did not bend her head. She decided to go. She was ready to go with Eliezer, ready to wear the ornaments, ready to give water to the camels when asked, ready to proposal even without consulting her people at home. In the same manner, the Bride Church, as Rebecca did should, in all things, respond to the Lord with alacrity and express her readiness. We give our praises of delight, believing that Thou wilt grant us the sense of readiness in all things.

63. Lord Jesus, the believers of alien faiths are enunciating some strange theories. (1) Some say that the disciple of the sage "Potuluri Veerabrahmam" by name Vasantha Rayudu is expected soon. The term 'Vasanth' means 'red' and it stands for 'blood', 'Rayudu' means the 'Lord'. So this expression refers to the Lord Jesus who shed blood on the cross, as opined by the sage Veerabrahmam. Lord, tell us what it signifies. (2) Hindus believe that he will arrive here on the earth and rule for ten thousand years. What does it signify? (3) The Muslims say that a Great Man will come to the earth. Tell us who he may be. (4) Some divine seers are saying that somebody whose identity cannot be known, till his likeness (Jesus Christ or Mohammed or Chindva or Rayudu) is confirmed, will come to change the whole world. The rest of them say: some linguistic groups would call the 'way' used by travellers 'road', while the Telugu people call it 'baata' (way), while the Muslims call it 'raasta' (road); but all mean the same. Similarly, people may have different ways of describing God. Lord, we know that Thou art coming. Let the same be known to others.

64. Lord Jesus, inspire us, the New Testament believers to wait upon Thy Second Coming with as much

zeal as the prophets of the Old Testament had for Thy first Coming.

65. In this world the wedding invitation is printed and distributed. In the heavenly wedding that takes place after the Second Advent there will be a grand feast at which the Bride is seated. It is through this Bride's preaching and prayer that those who are saved and accepted in heaven, are invited to this feast. So we have to present this Gospel to all now itself. Preaching to people is giving the invitation. We cannot be indifferent to Gospel work. We have to show enough diligence in this distribution of wedding invitation. Lord, we exalt Thee for creating that zeal in us.

66. Lord, Thou hast given us the privilege of enjoying the feast of Salvation. Likewise, give us the same privilege of enjoying the feast of Thy Rapture. Just as the Bride partakes of the feast at her native home before her marriage, the Bride Church experiences the feast of Salvation on this earth. The real feast will be held during the seven years after the Rapture. We praise Thee, that Thou wilt grant us Thy grace to partake of this feast.

67. God would not discard any one on this earth. Unless the Word reaches everyone, He will not hold the judgement. The Word should be taught even to those who are in Hades. Those who are just saved will be invited to the feast after the Rapture, and it means that they have attained to the high state of being the wedding guests. They are invited not only to witness the feast, but also to enjoy it. The Bride would plead with the Lord to invite those who are saved through her Gospel work. During the time that those who are saved are en-

joying the feast, the unbelievers will be in afflictions for seven years on the earth. Hence, the unbelievers will make hue and cry saying that they and Satan are subjected to shame, insult and defeat. They even feel greatly ashamed on seeing the saved ones acquiring the right to attend the wedding feast. These saved ones cannot stand the glory and brilliance of the Bride during the feast. So, she covers her face. Lord, we give thanks to Thee for Thou art going to prepare us to be a part of this glorious feast.

68. The shadow of an elephant is large while that of the needle is very small. Yet, both are shadows. Whatever be the size of iniquity it is darkness. Father, set us right without any kind of darkness in us. Regulate our lives to deserve the glory that we need to have in this world. The glory in heaven is given to the inhabitants of the New Jerusalem in greater measure than to the others. So, prepare every one of us for that glorious existence. We face many impediments like diseases on our way to attaining to this state. Grant us the privilege of preparing for that glory, overcoming such impediments. Give us the grace and mercy to rectify our mistakes and short-comings. Thou art giving us the needed time and means for this purpose. Grant us the grace to be completely transformed, this very moment. It is not difficult for us to change thus. Thou hast got written a verse in Thy scripture that 'Thy commandments are not heavy'. We can perform them through Thee, for which we praise Thee. Give us the privilege to be able to say like John that "Thy commands are not burdensome". Give us the grace to reach the state of perfection, at this moment. Give us the privilege of preparing ourselves without put-

ting off our effort. Thy Word and Thy creation are helping us to rectify ourselves, for which we praise Thee. Transform us to lead an exemplary life so that we may first change before we show the way to the others. Regulate our lives to be commensurate with that led in New Jerusalem. If we are inactive and dull in all things how can we reach the New Jerusalem? In some, no result can be found, despite any amount of instruction. They don't change. One man was changed at the cross instantly, while the other was not. Even some who sit along with the Bride are in a state of lethargy. So give us the Grace to be alert in order to be in a state of wakefulness.

69. O Lord, we have learnt to purify our hearts through the Ten Commandments. But we implore Thee to teach us through Thy Spirit also, how to prepare for Thy Coming with our intellect and conscience.

70. We have learnt to sanctify ourselves to some extent by reading Thy Word. Instruct us how we should prepare for Thy Coming by enlightening our minds and assisting us through Thy Spirit along with the knowledge of Thy Word.

71. We have understood that we can strengthen our spiritual lives through preaching Thy Gospel to others. More importantly, teach us through Thy Spirit to prepare ourselves for Thy Advent by involving ourselves in propagating Thy Advent message.

72. We can promote ourselves to a better life by praying, which involves confessing our sins, asking Thee to give our desserts, completely surrendering ourselves to Thee and glorifying Thee. In addition, grant us Thy spiritual guidance and prepare us for Thy Coming.

73. We are making efforts to do all things by which we can come into the state of Salvation and strengthen our spiritual lives. We pray for Thy spiritual guidance so that we may prepare for Thy Coming through the help of all the above.

74. We are conducting special gatherings and learning all things related to Thy Second Coming. But, we need the help of Thy Spirit in everything. Our effort through our own intellect and faith is inadequate. So, we desire the guidance of Thy Spirit in a special way. We pray that we be made to prepare for Thy Coming in whatever way possible.

75. Give us Thy Spiritual guidance to recognize the signs from the Bible, the world history, the Church and the creation, and to prepare ourselves by realising that Thy Coming is at hand. Prepare us for Thy Coming by providing Thy spiritual guidance that is imperative for us in every small matter.

76. In addition, make us understand in what other ways Thou wouldst inform us about Thy Coming, and we shall receive willingly. Thou didst, in the days past, appear to Thy believers and didst convey to them Thy messages. It was according to Thy will. We Pray that Thou wilt manifest Thyself to us in vision and teach us the things that we need to know. We need Thy Spiritual guidance at such time in great measure. Because, false visions are possible caused by the devil, and through self-delusion of some people. We should not be scared by them. To those who are completely committed to Thee and those who are resolved to follow Thy will, these false visions will not occur. We entreat Thee to grant us Thy grace and take pity on us.

77. Thou didst take pity on Lot when he delayed in his effort to escape from the approaching fury, take hold of his hands and guide him out. What a wonderful grace it was! So also, Thou dost know that we also are likely to make delay in escaping the seven-year tribulation. Therefore, we pray that Thou take pity on us.

78. O Father, Thou knowest where everyone goes after death. Some go to New Jerusalem alive, in the droup of the living; some go there after death, in the company of the dead (Saints); some prepare themselves through the seven-year tribulation; some prepare themselves in God's Millennium; some among the just-saved go to heaven; and some are saved and remain in the changed earthly heaven. We have learnt about the existence of these group through Thy Word. So, grant me Thy grace to join the group that is meant for me. If I try to enter any other group, it will not happen, because I don't belong to it. Hence, give Thy grace to join the proper group.

O Lord, what my conscience instructs me about joining a specific group cannot be certain. It cannot be true even if others get visions about me. Even what my selfassessment tells me is not certain. But whatever Thou knowest is certain. What Thou dost instruct me is indisputable. We hear that Thou atrt appearing to some and conveying Thy will to them. So, appear to me also and instruct me, if it is according to Thy will. If it is not so, I would perform all the essential things and iffer prayers to reach the New Jerusalem along with the living. I would do them despite impediments and troubles. Therefore, bless me. I would not rely on the prayers of others but pray according to the leading of Thy Spirit.

Note:- We can do anything with our intellect,

which means our conscience and our own spirit. But the spirit should be enlightened by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we need internal quietness¹.

79. The Qualifications for those who should be among the group of living in the Rapture.

- (1) Reading (the Bible).
- (2) Praying.
- (3) Praising.
- (4) Preaching (the Gospel).
- (5) Preserving (one's conduct).
- (6) Enduring (afflictions).
- (7) Giving (offerings).
- (8) Utilizing (the intellect properly).

80. Questions of assessment:-

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| (1) Are you reading the Bible? | With that aim. |
| (2) Are you praying? | With that aim. |
| (3) Are you praising? | With that aim. |
| (4) Are you preaching? | With that aim. |
| (5) Are you giving offerings? | With that aim. |
| (6) Are you enduring afflictions? | With that aim. |
| (7) Is your conduct proper? | W i t h |

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| (8) Is your intellect adequate? | With that aim |
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Note:- 'With that aim' means; Are you doing all the above with the aim of the Second Coming in view?

81. Prayer of sanctification,

Oh, the most holy Father, grant us Thy guidance to live pure in Thy sight during my earthly existence, and to learn to purify my heart according to Thy commiandments, because I find that I need to purify my whole life to reach Thee. I pray that Thou grant me

Thy guidance in this act of sanctification, which is not only enough for the world, but also to ride with Thee on the cloud of glory from this world.

Note:- In this prayer of sanctification, both prayer and praise should be in every item. Also we must ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit by calling upon Him. For the purpose of the purity of the life in this world, the ten commandments are useful. The sanctification for the Advent preparation should be done by the words suitable for the Rapture.

PRAYER

(1) Realizing the short-comings according to the ten commandments.

(2) Remembering the messages of the Advent.

(3) Who is to sanctify and With what?

Ans:- God, the Holy Spirit and with the blood of Jesus Christ.

PRAISE

(1) Praise God with faith that he has forgiven you.

(2) Exalt the Lord that the Advent words are fulfilled in you.

(3) Praise God, the Holy Spirit.

(4) The joy and belief in joining the Rapture is possible only through God, the Holy Spirit.

82. We have great joy because we expect to be raised at the Second Coming, having received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Yet, we must be wary lest our spiritual state should diminish. Example:- If a boy is walking in a dark path, the elders caution him even if

there is a lamp with him. Also the lamp may be put out by strong wind. Even if there is a lamp available, it should not be allowed to be extinguished.

Prayer :- O the most holy Father, I believe that Yhou hast heard my prayer of sanctification, to be among those to be raised. I am greatly delighted. I praise Thee with gratitude for this blessing which is above all pther blessings. I trust that Thou wilt keep buring this lamp of praise. I expect these great things will lourish and continue to happen in me through the Holy Spirit.

PRAYERS FOR THE ADVENT

(Special, important prayers)

1. Prayer for the preachers on the Plains

(A) O the Triune God, Lord Jesus, our first prayer to Thee is to send preachers. Thy Gospel has to be preached to the ends of the earth (Mark: 16:15). So, raise many loyal volunteers for this great task. The present work is slow, although somewhat satisfactory. Therefore, send to all the lands, men and women preachers who work with better zeal. O Lord, Thou hast counselled us to plead with the Father for the labourers who are scarce, and that He would send them (Luke: 10:2). Hence, we ask according to Thy Word. Thou hast also asked us to pray for a new thing every time (Matt 7:7). So do we now. We keep on entreating Thee till the work is fulfilled. We thank Thee. Thou hast also asked ua to pray to the Father as He is the One who would grant our every need and send workers. So, we pray.

(B) O Lord, send the workers who are committed to Thee and entirely dependent on Thee. Send prominent prechers who can efficiently hand Thy Word to all

people without using their own intellect and interpretation, and also what the others say, but only which is given by Thine own Spirit. Continue to transform the serving workers into such preachers.

(C) We pray to Thee to purify the preachers of their short-comings with Thy precious blood and sanctify them while strengthening them. (I John 1:7).

(D) We pray to Thee bless the methods and means on and through which the present preachers are accomplishing their task. We praise Thee, for Thou art hearing our prayers.

(E) What the preachers are doing now is a great job and a wonderful job, because the Bible has been translated into more than two thousand languages, which is Thy Spirit's doing. Thy disciples preached Thy Word in many different languages. But now the preachers are delivering and propagating Thy Gospel in many more languages. Hence, we praise Thee. Convert that work into a greater development. There are many small languages, learning which Thy workers undertake to have Thy Word printed. Enlighten them with Thy Spirit and bless their work.

(F) O Lord, we thank Thee for bringing to Thy promised land the Israelites who had been scattered long time ago. Likewise, inspire the preachers to bring back into Thy fold those who had been scattered at the time of the tower of Babel. The totality of our prayer is for Thee to send the preachers who are capable of preparing the Church for Thy Second Coming. The reason is many preachers believe in Thy Coming, but not in the imminence of it. Therefore, be Thou their teacher and tell them that Thou art coming soon.

(G) O Lord Jesus, Thou hast prepared the disciples to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth (Mark:16:15). Similarly, we pray to Thee to send the present preachers to prepare the Church for Thy Coming. We praise Thee, for we believe Thou hast heard our prayer. Such preaching is Thy Advent message.

(H) We implore Thee to grant us gathered in this room, the strength in our weak bodies, the enlightenment to us, lacking in wisdom and the initiative to our lethargic state, to preach with vigour; and give us the time which we seem to lack.

(I) Our prayer is being directed to the work in the whole world performed by the Early preachers and the present day preachers. We pray to Thee to edify these two types of preachers to prepare the people whom they preach for the Rapture.

(J) Gracious Father, although some have the knowledge of Thy Coming, they are not have the expression to communicate, to persuade, to enlighten and to manifest Thee. We pray that they be granted that expression, for which we praise Thee.

(K) O Lord, who can propagate Thy Word in the absence of Thy preachers? Even if it is done, it cannot reach the heart. Even those who are confident of preaching well, may fail to do it. Therefore, we pray that Thou prepare the preachers who can interpret Thy Word as it is, in detail.

(L) People will not appreciate if the preachers are mere preachers, but they listen to them if they live their preachings, and consequently they will turn to Thee. If what is preached is unrelated to the behavior, who will listen? Hence, prepare the preachers who maintain

an equitable share of the two. Christians who not only possess good character but also preach well are needed. We implore Thee to attract preachers who are secretly chosen by Thee, but not those who are employed by the Church grace as Thou wouldst listen to our prayer, along with those of others, concerning Thy preachers on the plains.

(2) Prayer for the Secret Sages

O the gracious Lord, in Thy hands are the lives of all who are inhabitants of heaven, which is the world of angels, paradise, the aerial world, the earth and the underworld. The keys of the world of the dead and the underworld are with Thee as John stated in the Book of Revelation (1:18). Thou dost possess all power in heaven and on earth (Matt 18:18). As Thy right and authority is on those secret sages who dwell in caves, we pray that Thou bring them out. A farmer employs extra workers when those who are already employed fail to complete the work. In like manner, send the secret sages and make them help the workers on the plains, incapable of completing the Gospel work, not only to accomplish the given task but also to inspire the saved who are dispersed, and to take up the preaching work in the open. We pray that they be sent for our help. When those who were in the boat could not heave the net, they sought the help of their partners in the other boat, on whose coming the job was accomplished (Luke:5:7). In like manner, we have cast Thy Gospel-net across the world. We pray that Thou wilt send the secret sages to help heave the net. As the public preachers, we are preaching in a small measure.

We are gathering in Thy prayer house once in a while. It is not adequate; neither is our preaching. What

we do is not at all sufficient. The others are criticizing the members of waiting prayer group. They even attribute names to them that they are idlers, sitting in the rooms and shouting without serious avocation. But nobody can find fault with the secret sages dwelling in caves. They are constant waiters upon Thee. Therefore, they spend all their lives in Thy Holy presence. What a great blessing! By meeting once in a month here, we are able to learn at least one new thing. But they are learning new messages (truths) everyday. Because, they are ever in Thy presence. Among us no one is like them. They are greater than we. Mary of Bethany sat at Thy feet, a little while for a few minutes (Luke 10:30), where as these secret sages have been spending in Thy presence for years together. But if we have to go to them we would die of extreme cold. But they can come, being filled with glory and able to withstand extreme cold and heat. They can break everybody's heart and tie up the tongues of those who oppose and secure them. Therefore, we ask Thee to send them quickly. We praise Thee, for they can come out with Thy command. If we approach them, they will admonish us asking us "how long will you be drowsy? His Coming is at hand; wake up even now". Just as the ship's captain woke up Jonah, the prophet, sleeping at the bottom of the ship, they can wake up the public preachers (Jonah 1:6). Therefore, we pray that they be sent quickly for which we praise Thee. When Thou didst say, the field was wide but the preachers were few, it was not stated where the sages existed. We see in the Church history that they have existed in the Christian era. They are doing great work and we praise Thee.

They are interceding on behalf of all us which is their primary responsibility, They do not go out of the prayer frequently, as we do. They are constantly in Thy presence which is their second job while the third is to listen to Thee, attentively.

What can the public preachers preach? Even if they preach how many can hear? But the secret sages listen to Thee with alacrity. How blessed they are! The blessings are: (1) staying in Thy presence (2) withstanding the extreme cold, (3) not needing food, (4) listening to Thy Word, (5) enjoying Thy glory. (6) beholding Thee face to face to send on to the open, the secret sages who are endowed with these seven blessings. We prayed for them in our gathering earlier, but now the link has snapped. Again we resume the prayer. "Sadhu Sunder Singh" who was born in 1889 A.D. came to this part of the country in 1929 to preach. He could withstand extreme cold. So when he met the secret sages he urged them to come out. They promised to speak. Lord, do Thou speak to them. Our invitation should then follow. Did not the partners come at the request of the disciples who could not pull the net? (Luke 5:7). Similarly, Thou canst make the secret sages come, if the Christian preachers desire their coming. So our appeal for their coming has to reach Thee. How many are praying for their coming? Even we, with our knowledge about them are not praying. If we pray now, the same though does not occur for a year. So, how can they come? The public preachers have to ask for them. O Lord, fulfill that desire. O Lord, we pray to Thee to inspire the present congregations to pray for their coming. We praise Thee. In such case a certain thing will happen.

And that is the creation of confusion and disturbance in countries, cities and small villages. Inspire of this, make them come quickly.

O Jesus, the coming Prince, we praise Thee as Thou art coming as the Bridegroom. We pray that we be informed about the sage of Kailash who is considered the heard of these secret sages. Thou hast raised in our country a great sage. Our country has been named as the country of sages by people of other faiths. We thank Thee for raising one of Thy sages in such a land. We offer many praises for bringing out in our country, Sunder Singh who has spent his life time in Thy Holy presence. We exalt Thee for bringing into close communion, Sunder Singh and the sage of Kailash. We entreat Thee to help us hear, in our country, in great measure about the Second Coming through him, his books, his sermons and messages. The secret sages become aware of heaven, angels and us when they are in meditation. As Thou hast raised one from among them in the Himalayas we praise Thee. One belonged to a Muslim country (the sage of Kailash), and the other (Sunder Singh) hailed from our country. Thou didst raise both of them in our country. These two are the known sages while the others are secret sages. Sunder Singh is a public sage, through whom Thou hast given us Thy messages. Such messages have become scarce now. We request Thee to show us their fruits, and we give Thee many praises. Amen.

(3) Prayer for the dead

Lord Jesus, during Thy sojourn in this world (Matt 9:26) thou didst bring back to life one person in a house, another outside, and the other in daughter of Jair in his

house; the son of the widow of Nain outside the village; and Thy acquaintance Lazarus from out of the grave. Thou didst revive the daughter of Jair, responding to one kind appeal while in the case of Lazarus, the appeal was in different manner. Yet, in the case of the widow's son no appeal was mentioned. Still, Thou didst revive him. By reviving the dead in Thy first Advent, Thou didst give to the people, the message of the kind of Person Thou wert. Hence we entreat Thee that Thou revive some of Thy followers, irrespective of their pleading with Thee or not. They can instruct us about the Coming of the Lord. If at least, one can come alive in each country, then they can convince some people. All may not believe in Thy resurrection. Some people have believed. Even if all are not prepared to believe at least they will listen. We are desirous of hearing about those details. Therefore, the appeal to revive and send the dead (Matt. 10:8) is a matter pertaining to Thy Word but not our own. As it was recorded in the Bible we are asking Thee. Thou didst instruct Thy disciples to heal the sick (Matt. 10th ch). Further Thou didst order them to revive the dead (Matt. 10:8). The disciples did likewise Peter revived Dorcas (Acts. 9:41). So, if Thou wouldst come and bring back to life some people, they would establish the message given by Thee. Did some saintly people not come back to life at Thy crucifixion (Matt. 27:52)? They appeared to many people (Matt. 27:53). Even now, Thou hast revived only those whom Thou didst choose but not all. Likewise, raise them whomever Thou dost choose, without our specifying any names.

Abraham told the rich man that people would not

believe, even if the dead came and told them (Luke 16:31). Subsequently, Thou didst resurrect, and also Dorcas was revived. Thou didst resurrect after stating that people would not believe the dead preaching to them. In the manner Thou didst bring Dorcas back to life after that statement raise some people in our days also. Lord Jesus didst Thou not raise people even before Thy Coming to the world, and during the time of Elisha? (II Kings.4:37). As it is recorded that Thou didst raise the dead during the Old Testament as well as New Testament periods, we entreat Thee to do so now. Because this is the age of the Church. O Triune Father God, we believe that Thou wouldst bring the dead back to life during this time of the Church, Thy dear Bride; as Thou didst raise the dead in the Old Testament times, the New Testament times and the period of the present Church. Once it was possible to Thee; so also now. O Triune God, manifest Thy Glory in these three ages, By reminding us, who are living in this third age, of Thy glory of the past two ages, we plead with Thee to manifest Thy radiance. O the soon coming Lord, in accordance with the promises of Thy Word, give ear to these prayers we have offered this afternoon. Amen.

(4) Prayer for the angels

Lord Jesus, as we have to receive the legacy of Salvation. Thou hast provided the angels to minister unto us, (Heb.1:14) we pray that Thou wilt send some of them into this world because it is according to Thy promise, we cannot ask for what was not promised. The two groups of preachers (public preachers and secret sages) on this earth, are human beings only. Thy Word has said that we should ask for such people as

the preachers. So we ask Thee. Likewise, Thy Word has stated that Thou hast sent Thy angels into this world. So we ask. As Thou didst send two angels in human form to warn of the destruction of Sodom, we do the same now also, as Thy Coming approaches (Gen. 19th chap.).

When Cornelius prayed, Thou didst send an angel who conveyed the message saying that his acts of righteousness had reached God, and that he was to send for Peter (Acts. 10th chap). The angels spoke like a human being. As Thou didst send the angels then, why not now? Although the angels are formless, one angel tapped Peter who was sleeping, woke him up and led him out of prison (Acts. 12:7). He tapped Peter as we do, which is an impossible thing for angels to do, because they can tap if they have hands. When they do not have hands like us, how can they tap? Yet, did not the angel lead Peter out of prison? In like manner, we pray to Thee to send an angel to each country with the message of Thy Coming. At the time of Thy first Coming, the angel spoke like a human being and conveyed the message of Thy birth to the shepherds, "I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord". (Luke 2:10-11). If so, why not send the angels to the world now? In the manner Thou didst send the angel at Thy first Coming, if Thou dost send the angel for Thy Second Coming, some people would believe. Thou didst send three angels to Abraham's tent in the broad day light, not in the night. They came and spoke in human form and even had their food. What a surprise! If such angels are sent

during this time of Thy Coming, some people could be convinced (Gen.18:1-15). There are few workers among human beings, while among the angels, are countless workers. If ten million angels were sent, they would work with greater vigour than what the public preachers or the secret sages can ever do, all over the world. We have a right to ask Thee to send Thy angel to minister unto us (Heb.1:14).

Another matter, a matter of great significance is, we cannot find greater friends than the angels. Such safekeepers cannot be found anywhere (Ps.34:7). We cannot find other than them who always think of our Salvation, and are ready to come to our rescue, and none so powerful. O Lord, when Thou wert born in this world, human beings did not convey the message, but the angels did, because even the saintly among the humans are not worthy of carrying the holy message of the holy birth of the holy Son of God. That is the reason why the angel brought the message. Although there were saintly people, they were not worthy of the job. Are we worthy at all to convey the message of Thy Coming? It is beyond our comprehension. Therefore, as thou didst send the angels to convey the message of Thy first Coming (Luke2:14), we shall be greatly delighted if Thou wilt send the angels with the message of Thy Second Coming. Believing that Thou wilt give us that joy, we offer our heartfelt gratitude to Thee. Amen.

5 Prayer for the Coming of the Lord

O Lord, it was reported in 1845, Thou didst appear to an old women in Africa and didst tell her that Thou wert coming soon. It was not a human being, nor her conscience that told her. Similarly, we implore that

Thou Thyself, wilt appear now also as then, and reveal to some people of Thy Coming. Example:- If the labourers do not work saitsfactorily the farmer will take up the work himself. Lord, Thou didst convey the message that Thou art coming soon, to the sage of Kailash, the sage Sadhu Sunder Singh, the Women Fellowship of Berhampur (of Dr.Ottmann) and Father Devadas. Likewise, we pray that Thou wilt go and do the same thing with various people.

When we speak to people, they ask us, "Has the Lord appeared to you?". If we answer in the affirmative, they make shrewd statements saying, "What partiality is that? Why not He appear to us? Then we will believe". We pray to Thee to come in person and admonish them (Mark 16:14; Matt.5:8). This prayer is according to the Word as Thou didst have it written, "Behold I am coming soon", (Rev22:16) and Thou hast given the same message to some people. Lord, as Thou art the Saviour of all, speak to all people (Eph.4:6). Amen.

Note:- If God sends the angels and keeps one angel for each country as in a squadron, they can complete the job of proclaiming the Second Coming in the brief period as was taken for the Christmas message. An angel to Japan, and an angel tp America; and likewise all angels at the same time can come to all the countries, proclaim the message and go back. They are just for the sake of preaching. Lord Jesus, thus the angels can go to all people in the world, stay for a minute with each, simultaneously. They can also appear and speak to six billion and turn them into six billion Christians. Angels can go and speak anywhere; and the dead can likewise do. But, Thou canst speak to all, at the

same time in all places. And the time that Thou canst take is as would be taken to make the statement, "Behold, I am coming soon" (Rev.22:16). Lord, we are not worthy to suggest anything to Thee, except according to Thy Word and power, and also the liberty we have in calling Thee, Father. As Suggested in the prayer Thou didst give us, we have asked these questions. We have placed before Thee, the supplications, not expected of us. Thou wilt forgive us. There may be some mistakes in our thoughts which Thou wilt forgive and for it we thank Thee. Amen.

SUGGESTIONS

(1) These five prayers are not meant for all. They are only for those who have close communion with the Lord.

(2) Although this is a daily prayer, not everybody has the power to do it. But, if attempted, it would only be a nominal prayer.

(3) As there will be ample time on Sundays, one of you can read them slowly while the others repeat it, very slowly.

(4) You must pray with great devotion, reverence, fear, becoming of a place of meditation, and with an apologetic voice taking care not to offend the Lord. If possible, bind the eyes with a handkerchief and pray solemnly.

(5) If there are those who do not understand these prayers and the methods, these prayers should be suspended.

(6) When these prayers are planned to be said, the members should consult among themselves, and see that the others are not present.

(7) The lesson to be read at that time is 'Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts. The world is full of His glory' (Is. 6:3) and it should be sung melodiously! in the set tune.

(8) At the commencement of the prayers, the leader should make this announcement. "If any harm befalls those who violate the principles of these prayers, please do not question me".

(9) Prior to the commencement of prayer, you should bathe yourselves and dress yourselves in clean clothes and come to the place of meditation.

(10) While in the place of meditation, do not indulge in conversation.

(11) Do not go out. Do not cough. Do not sneeze. (Although it is not a strict thing, better be cautious).

(12) Do not stay more than an hour.

(13) Keep kneeling.

(14) Let not the body be unclean either outside or inside.

(15) If possible, be on fast (for that one hour).

(16) Example: We must imagine that the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit are with us. No matter if the chief angels and the saints come into your imagination.

Note:- (A) It would be desirable to have a separate room, beyond the reach of any noise.

(B) It is easy for those who are in the line of the Bride and the period of Laodecean Church.

(C) One who leads these prayers, should have prior practice by himself. (Without practice do not lead).

Note:- The method to be followed in preparing for the prayer for the Advent at 12 noon on every Friday.

(1) Wake up at 3 a.m, and read as many chap-

ters in the Bible as you can.

(2) Then perform all your chores.

(3) In the family prayer at day break, remember the Advent prayers and offer prayers on some items of the Advent.

(4) You must keep under strict control, the mouth, ears and all parts of the body following the family prayer and observe special vigil the whole day.

(5) Do not take oil bath at five minutes to Twelvenoon. Do not use the comb.

(6) Do not scold children.

(7) Let no mental disturbance enter you.

(8) At every step, keep on praising in mind.

(9) Then enter into the Holy presence.

Note:- The Holy Spirit, the Father will descend and test you. This is the preparation for Friday. It will be good to observe it on the other days also, because it is a great observance. Do not rebuke a barking dog on the way. Say, "Victory to the blood of Jesus". If you happen to come across anybody on the way, discuss only the things proper to the Holy Spirit. Do not mention any unhappy things. They are not appropriate for the Bride. (This is a special message conveyed by the Lord. The members of the Bible Mission congregation at Vijayawada have been conducting "Little Virgin gatherings" from the 10th June 1960, regularly every Friday from 12 Noon to 3p.m with fasting).

ADVENT PRAYERS

(Conveyed by Father Devadas on 05-09-1958)

A Miracle a week.

Lord, as Thou didst ask Ezekiel to preach to people whether they believed it or not (Eze:3:11), we

pray that Thou wilt speak to all about Thy Coming. Also basing on (John.14:14) we are praying to Thee. We are also entreating Thee basing our prayers on Thy special revelation of the Bible Mission. So, do not strike off the fullment of our prayers. We cannot and would not offer prayers which are beyond Thy power. Forgive our short-comings according to Thy infinite Grace.

(1) Dictate the message of Thy Advent and send it to the Bible Society for publication, also tell them to insert this message in the Bibles printed in more than two thousand languages. Do it, if it be Thy will.

(2) Propagate Thy Gospel through people who are filled with Thy Spirit and also can preach in different languages and grant them, the glorious body in order to fly in air to reach people at inaccessible places.

(3) Send the spirits of Thy people while sleeping, to those Thou dost choose.

(4) As some of Thy faithful came back to life on the days of Thy crucifixion, raise the dead and send them to selected places to preach Thee at appointed time.

(5) You call Thy devotees out of the mountains and forests and use them to preach Thee in the world.

(6) Establish in every city Thy preachers to propagate Thee through broadcasts.

(7) Cause a great sound coming from the heavens to be heard all over the world, at the same time, at least for an hour.

(8) Destroy the temples and prayer houses which are not according to Thy will as Thou didst bring down the walls of Jericho without loss of human life. (Joshua.6th Chap).

(9) Have the message of Thy Coming written in air on every place of worship.

(10) Cause on a chosen day the beasts, birds and animals, which are in the world, free themselves and make them create loud noises, as also the sheep, goats and other creatures.

(11) Cause on a special night the birds of the air make ear-piercing noise, when all have gone to bed.

(12) On a certain day, cause frogs, snakes and other reptiles, flies, mosquitoes, and all other flying creatures and insects to walk on the roads and paths, in the morning sun without harming any body.

(13) Help on a special day, the patients in hospitals and in their homes, to walk out suddenly and then go back.

(14) Cause, one day and night, heavy downpour of rain followed by thunder and lightening, without harming the human beings.

(15) Another day make the rivers rise and overflow their bunds for an hour without causing harm to people.

(16) Cause for an hour all the tanks and wells overflow their levels without causing harm.

(17) Make all the trees in the world, praise Thee with screeching sound.

(18) Make the land quake in every place, for an hour during the day without causing any harm.

(19) Some other day make the sun blaze for an hour without causing any harm.

(20) On a certain day cause heavy snow fall all over the earth without causing harm.

(21) Make, during night, the meteors descend

from the sky in great abundance without causing harm.

(22) Make on a certain day all the seas and oceans cross their limits up to a furlong without causing harm.

(23) Cause all the ghosts roam across the world and make a loud waiting in the hearing of all people, at midnight for an hour.

(24) Send somebody to get millions of copies of the picture of Thy Coming printed and distribute them in all countries.

(25) Make Thy devotees compose songs about Thy Second Advent in different languages.

(26) Inspire the members of the Bible Mission to sing and deliver the messages of Thy Coming and use the trumpets as they did earlier.

(27) Appear in dream or vision to the people of different faiths who have mistaken doctrines and wrong customs; and rectify their mistakes.

(28) Do Thou come personally and preach to convince the wisdom and conscience Thou hast given to the people or make the sermons of Thy devotees acceptable to people.

(29) Make everybody consider constantly in their minds about the Coming till the very time it happens, as they are questioning the signs and the strange events and asking why Christians are referring to the Second Coming.

(30) Enable the dead to appear to Their relatives, at least once and speak about Thy Coming.

(31) make all the heavenly angels convey the message of Thy Coming to all people, even now.

(32) The devil-possessed people who come to Kakani prayer hall, when asked about the Lord, declare

that He is the Saviour. Likewise, make all the devils and ghosts give witness about Thee to all people around them.

(33) Balaam's donkey admonished its master. Likewise make all the animals rebuke their masters who do not hear Thy Word. Give the animals, the ability to speak. (Numbers 22:28).

(34) O Lord, Thou hast created the earth, the heavens and all that are there and also the angels. This is proper time to make use of the things small and large, which are in this Thy creation and through it, convey Thy message to man. Create panic in his followers.

(35) Give us time and ability to send the details, first to these conventions and gradually to the others.

(36) Remind every human being about whatever is made unholy in the holy world created by Thee, and that is caused by our sins, by submitting ourselves to Satan. Admonish the humans and make them realize that this unholiness is caused by disobedience to Thee. Unholiness means the diseases, waste, and filth caused by sin.

(37) O Lord, convey the things revealed to us to all people in the world, particularly to the prayer groups of meditation. Amen.

(38) Lord, give answers to the items chosen by Thee out of these thirty seven prayer items.

7. The vows to be taken by the members of the Bible Mission and the believers of the Seond Advent.

(1) I hereby, swear in the presence of the Triune God, all the saints and the man of God that I shall be ready for the Rapture.

(2) I believe and swear that the Rapture shall take place soon.

(3) I Promise and swear that I shall submit fully to the doctrines of the Bible Mission.

(4) I swear that I will devote my work and my life, with all my strength, for the Ascension of the Church.

(5) I promise to stand for martyrdom in the event of facing tribulation, famine, sword, and accusation.

(6) I promise to propagate the message of the Coming whenever I encounter people of any faith, any race or any nation.

(7) In spite of observing the close association with the alien and unbelievers, I maintain close communion with the Lord and His believers.

(8) I swear to be on good terms with all people.

(9) I swear to uphold the promise of the Lord's Coming

(10) I swear to spend quietly at least for an hour a day in the Lord's presence, singing songs, meditating, praying and giving offerings of the Advent.

(11) I promise to declare before others that God manifests Himself and speaks to us.

(12) I swear to submit my self completely in every matter to Thee and Thy presence. Amen.

Maranatha.

ADVENT PRAYER NO.1

Our Father in heaven, Father of the Church, Father of heaven and the heavenly host, we bless Thee. Thou art the Father of so many. Thy children are the saints in heaven and also the faithful in this world. There is no place devoid of Thy children, From the ancient times, they have been in the process of taking shape apart from those who are saints in heaven and those who are at present preparing for heaven. Even those

who are preparing in the highest heaven are Thy children. Hence, our praises to Thee. But many people do not know that Thou art the Father of so many. If they happened to know, they would reach this high state of enlightenment.

O Father, whoever believes that Thou art the Father and loves Thee comes to know of another matter, which is, we are the children of the same Father. We, who are preparing for the Advent are the same as angels and the inhabitants of heaven, in Thy sight. But, we are waiting for the unbelievers to change. We Will realize Thy glory and power, when the Bride Church shall be ready and blaze her glory like lightning, beyond the sun light and the light unknown to us and finally join with the last Church in heaven. Here, we shall rejoice beyond limits, knowing that such is His glory, and such His power, unknown on earth. Our joy here, without full realization, is limited. Grant us Thy grace to forget about the earthly splendour and have the full impact of Thy radiant glory.

O Lord, our Father, O Lord, our Savior and Lord, our Comforter and O Father, One in Trinity, we offer many praises to Thee. We cannot state with all confidence and full heart that we are Thy children. Gracious Father, Thou hast revealed one word of great affection which would throw us down into grief and depression. We cannot fully comprehend Thy love for us, in those words, "I want to speak to every one in the world, clearly". Lord, in what way can we understand this? Thou art not speaking to the saints fully nor even frequently. How can we understand this?. We ourselves are hindrances for causing this. When will this great love, hidden love,

be revealed to the Church which bears Thy name and also to unbelievers in the World?. They will not accept when we tell them of this, neither will they understand nor believe. Yet Lord, Thou wouldst speak to all at the same time as mentioned in the concluding part of the Book of Revelation. It will be audible to all but all will not change. Would they change even now on hearing? They will think that their ears are ringing with some noise, they will not realize that the Lord has spoken to them and that the Father has communicated to them. But they will look confused and bewildered. Some believers misunderstand and say that some deity is speaking and that people should remain behind closed doors. Man has hardened himself to such an extent. Yet Lord, as Thou art the Father Thou hast not ceased to love, for which we thank Thee.

We would be greatly delighted if at least, somebody among us who have been hearing this for thirty years, can listen to Thy voice everyday, frequently and get prepared for the Rapture. When will that time come? When will such a person come? Our Lord, many are listening to Thy voice a little. They are happy. But they are not able to listen completely, so we feel sad. If we gather together frequently we may come into this state of listening to Thy voice gradually.

Note:- The earthly authorities may declare holiday for schools; but our body, our people, our job and our weaknesses will not allow us to listen to Thy voice. O Lord, we have many things to discuss with Thee. But time is insufficient. Even if we have time 24 hours a day, we do not have time and leisure to receive Thy words. We entreat Thee to forgive us, through the Lord

Jesus Chirst, who is coming soon.

SECOND PRAYER

O gracious Father, all things are inherent in Thee. If we know Thee we can know them, For this reason, the devout believers have called Thee "Manifestation". All about the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, should be learnt in full. All are hidden in Thee. If we salute Thee it will amount to doing likewise to all others. Thou didst state 'Any one who has seen me has seen the Father', as Thou dost include all. If we are in quiet state for an hour we can attain to the state needed. Through quiet state, our prayers and words can become Spirit-filled. If we are devoid of it, all is invain. People say some meetings are insipid and some are inspiring. We should learn a new thing everyday in the meetings. Whatever be the type of meetings, any day, we should ask ourselves, how the present society is on the day. Then, we become inspired like the heavenly beings Thinking of Thee, amounts to thinking of Thy will, as everything is hidden in Thee. Therefore, Lord, we praise Thee. Lord Jesus, and the Holy Father, Thou art instructing us with all these things. Hence, our many praises to Thee. The congregation at Antioch gathered for the meetings not merely in name but with great delight, devotion, faith and enthusiasm. Thou hast raised Thy faithful in the heathen towns for which we laud Thee. Thou didst appear to them and didst speak a word with them. That word has been fulfilled in the New Testmant from the acts of the Apostles till the conclusion of Pauline Epistles. How wonderful! Thou didst speak in Jerusalem and appeared in the praison. We praise Thee. The great word uttered by Thee is 'Hear, what the Spirit says to the

Churches', O Lord, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, whenever we think of Thy resurrection in whichever meeting we hold our fellowship, it will be strengthened. Some times it does astray without our knowledge. If the construction is strong, the flood will be diverted. On one hand, is the Coming of the Lord and on the other 'what is our state?'. We are placed in between these two. But we should not entertain any doubt about our ready state. O Father, we are placed in between two streams, one on the right and the other on the left. When the water flows over the anicut or falls on top of a house certain sound is heard. But the flow of still water is not audible. Grant this blessing to all.

Our Church members should have learnt all these things, earlier. They should have learnt anew the work wrought by the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Lord, we should learn about Thy Coming and that of the Father. Grant us Thy grace to understand it. But this account is not perceived by all as the love cools down in many people in the end times. WE entreat Thee for Thy grace and protection that it may not happen in our case. It will be like a piercing of the spear, when we consider 'whether we are in the Rapture faith'. However many times we conduct any number of meetings, all such times, we plead with Thee to bless us to have the ability to pray, " O Lord Jesus, come soon". Those who become zealous and inspired on hearing this prayer should say, let Thy Rapture come soon, at the conclusion of any number of prayers they conduct. O Triune God, we offer Thee all the praises that are due to Thee since the beginning of our Christian experience. Accept them through the Lord Jesus, who is coming soon. Amen.

THIRD PRAYER

O Triune Father, O Father, O Lord, O Lord, O the all Powerful, Lord, O Lord, the Author of all creation, we the great sinners today sit in the presence of Thy great glory and are going to meditate upon Thy Second Coming. So, we praise Thee as we commence. We praise Thee for the sake of this gathering. O Lord, when Thy Bride church beholds the brilliance of the sun, moon, and stars created by Thee, give her the grace to feel the great delight, and wonder how much more radiant Thou wouldst be. Grant our maiden Church Thy grace to look forward to entering heaven and be in His light, the glorious Light and the Light surpassing that of all the Lights. Thou art giving us the thought of Thy glory and art showing before our eyes the glory of the heavens, for that we exalt Thee. From the time of our birth till the end of our lives Thou art showing Thy glorious light of the heavens and reminding us of Thy Light for which we laud Thee. When man is seeking to know about Thee, Thy lights are revealing to him, even prior to the teachings and writings about Thee, for which we thank Thee.

As we see the waters Thou hast left for us in the clouds for slaking our thirst and cleaning ourselves, we think of the time when we would come to heaven and drink the living waters promised by Thee, at the well of Sukar. Grant Thy grace to the Bride to praise Thee, accordingly. When we hear the morning songs of exaltations to Thee by the birds which know Thee less than we do, we wait in great eagerness for the time when we will go to heaven and sing Thy praise, the praise without ceasing, and praise unknown in the world, a New Song and the Song of the saints. Grants Thy grace to the

Bride to desire to wait in eagerness to partake of heavenly choir. We praise Thee for such power of divine knowledge. If we come down further, in this world full of sin, we see the trees growing with beautiful flowers and delicious fruits. So, bestow upon us, the Bride the desire to see on our coming to heaven, the kinds of fruits and flowers of the garden of Eden, before sin entered. To offer such a praise in heaven these are the fore-signs. If the creation is so beautiful even when the sin has widely spread, how much more beautiful our costumes, and angels, and we, would be in heaven! Grant us the grace to think of it in great measure and for which we thank Thee. Consecrate some of the faithful and preachers in this world of sin, to explain Thy Word and cause to the mind of the Bride Church a good understanding as she hears. Grant to Thy Bride, the notion how beautiful the preaching in heaven would be, where there is no sin, when the preachers here preach so well. Eternal praises, to the Father for creating such a remembrance. Grant us Thy grace to have the eagerness to meet in heaven our own people, those who preached to us, those who changed on hearing us preach, those who are of the Old Testament, those who are of the New Testament, those who belong to Church history, those who belong to our mission (The Bible Mission), those of the wicked whom we never thought to be such and the great devotees.

We praise Thee for this beautiful idea. To some extent we are able to see this in vision here. We are not satisfied. Give us the great privilege to see Thee (and them) face to face. Then we do not remember this filthy world, evil thoughts, sinful words, wrong deeds, and bad

company. Such state is there in heaven. So, we must depart from this world soon. If the Lord who promised to come soon is Coming, give us the grace to feel that we also are going soon. Our Lord, who canst cause great inspiration in the Bride Church, consequent upon all those around us witnessing this joy, this hope, these meetings, these preachings and this knowledge of the Bride as she, sitting among the sinners and wicked people, experiences the same our Lord had, while sitting and partaking of food with the sinners and publicans in the last days of His life on earth, we give Thee our praises. Didst Thou also join the Bride Church after many days, as she was performing such great deed, give us the gracious privilege to introduce our selves and to shake hands with Thee, calling Thee 'Lord'. We thank Thee for this new idea, as we are in Thy presence. Grant unto us the things that are necessary for our edification.

Note :- If we should meditate upon the Rapture on all the 365 days of the year, it is recorded in the New Testament, 370 times. Then the light of the Advent will be lit in you. As you read it on, the light will be renewed.

Jesus gave three admonitions and two pieces of advice. In Luke 21:34-36, are three 'inert states', which are dissipation, drunkenness and worldly care.

(1) **Dissipation** :- People falling victim to the weakness of gluttony will become indifferent in the matter of preparing for heaven. The Lord tells these words to the faithful. Whoever is guilty of this weakness be wary. Examine yourself. Remember the Bride and keep this admonition in mind while eating. The doctors ask you to eat a morselless while you think eating more will

strengthen you. Nut would ve better to eat two morselves less.

(2) **Drunkenness** :- Any kind of intoxication as a result of weariness or drinking, as a hindrance to the Rapture preparation. Give up all signs of drowsiness. Those who think the Advent is not now, are like the foolish virgins and also like those who have an overdose of religious zeal. Saying that the Coming is not now is eccentricity. Some believers keep quiet saying that, as the Advent has not happened for a long time as declared, it is not yet time. There will be many reasons for this kind of inertia. See that you do not fall to it.

(3) **Wordly Cares** :- The worry in this world starts with the family life, such as the clashes between the husband and wife, concern regarding heaven, worry that the husband has not had a change of heart. As the water coming from above get's polluted and mixed with the slush on the earth, it is not an easy matter. Children become disobedient, but we should be free from such a worry and blame. If you have worry you cannot be Raptured. The Lord will change such people at the appropriate time. By giving oneself up to anxious thought, can anybody grow one foot more? You should feel that you have preached and will pray. Worry is not confined to family, it is in the Church also. Do not give up preaching and praying for the unchanged and writing to them. Those who listen attentively are constant, thirty-fold. Those who write what they hear are constant, sixty-fold. And those who preach to others are constant, hundred-fold. Listening is preactising; (1) Faith (2) Faith with action (3) Faith in action. As the virgins did not wait for the Lord, they could not go.

Although, Lord Jesus said that He was unaware of the time and the day, and that His Coming would not be now, the Bride should specially wait for the time, the day and the year of the imminent Rapture.

Simultaneity :- It means, the same time. What does it mean? Blink of an eye. The above three, dissipation, drunkenness and worldly care are undesirable. The Lord selected these three subtle issues after much consideration. These are not sins but belonged to carelessness. The Lord cautioned us for the sake of safety and alert state. The Rapture believers will be careful in committing sins, but they are unmindful of the above three short-comings.

Suggestions :- (2) Praying without ceasing. (2) Keeping yourselves awake. Keeping awake does not mean losing sleep. Even while sleeping, keeping alert with the thoughts of the Advent. Dr. Martin Luther, while going to bed every night would pray saying, "I commit my spirit unto Thy hands". It is being awake even while sleeping. Is there a prayer which the Bride can offer? The prayer is "Lord Jesus, come". Why this prayer? This is the most essential one. Satan deceived Adam and Eve. Was Satan taken captive? Why should there be eternal enmity if the sin was committed on one day? If is an arrest. There is no deliverance to Satan and he is bound. "You shall eat dust and crawl on your belly". It is an eternal bondage and punishment, but no salvation. This is an interpretation revealed to us by the Lord. Even if we have punishment, we have Salvation. Satan is a foe put to rout. He faced defeat in the case of Adam. We need not be afraid of anything nor do we need to worry. Six is man's number and seven God's number.

Satan is not fully bound now. Adam and Eve are kept above, whereas Satan is kept in bondage in God's judicial custody. But in him is poison and basilisk. The basilisk blasted its breath and left. But its breath and poison remained. That poison had its root and entered into Cain and stated that God had lied; as a result Abel died. That poison came from there and did not allow people to board the Ark during the Great Flood. From there it came to our time, into the ensuing seven-year tribulations and the thousand-year God's rule.

Why did God release Satan from the prison? He released because people were involved with him. Their call for Satan is there, They tell Satan that the poison he blew, is with them and they want him to come. If there are no such people, God will send Satan straight away into hell. Men desired Satan because there was poison in them. All those who commit sin invite him. If all the sinners write on a sheet of white paper a complaint against Satan and get it attested by the Bride, then the Bride will hand it over to the intercessor (the Holy Spirit) at the throne, and then the Father will sanction their appeal. Immediately, Satan's work will be put to an end to. But we know it will not happen. Yet, the believers are appealing for its implementation. Therefore, O Lord, bind up Satan. Help Thy faithful not to fall into the hands of Satan. Lord Jesus, who art coming soon accept these our prayers and petitions. Amen.

PRAYER - 4

Father, our praises are due to Thee for all the holy message Thou hast given through Thy Son. Since long time ago before our fore-fathers were born, Thou didst begin to give and hast continued to open Thy hands

in giving and art still giving. It is Thy sbundsnt grace. Thou art going to give even during Thy Millennium. This is according to Thy liberal grace. Some amomg us are facing problems, some are facing the lack of proper clothes and the need for finances. We are aware when the Son comes at His Second Advent, it will be the rising of the Sun of Righteousness. If He Comes on that Morning (Advent) we shall no more see night. Thou wilt take us to that land where there is no darkness. Once the morning breaks it is eternal day. When we are to go to that land why should bad deeds and evil thoughts still persist in us?. This is the time of grace for us. Grant us Thy grace to give up the deeds of darkness in which-ever house of Thy believers they are perpetrated. Give us Thy grace so that we may not be associated with the sin of darkness. There are people who observed our words and who listen to our deeds. There are those who notice our crooked looks, blinds looks, jealous looks and sinful looks which are open manifestations. But, they cannot see the corruption in our hearts, which only Thou canst see. In order that I may belong to the group of the living, give me Thy grace to shiver at the thought of any drawback in the hearts of those who are in Thy Rapture group. The doctors may assure a T. B. patiant that he is free from any disease. But if Thou dost peep into the hearts of those who claim to have no bad feeling and dost ask them through their conscience, " How can you join the Rapture group?" and be able to get prepared. Instead of dying holding the belief that we have no defect, it will be better to own our mistakes and wail for them.

What profits us, if we continue to have short-

comings even after learning these lessons? We beg of Thee to destroy any bad qualities present in us and to enlighten us on what we fail to know. Will the faith and zeal remain at the time of our death, although we have them now? As it is Thy Secon Coming, every one should acknowledge Thee with humble submission and call Thee "Father".

We entreat Thee to bless us to be really pure. We would not like to use the language that we "may have some defect". Give us the language that asserts that we "have the defect". Gracious Lord, many people make light of Thee as Thou art a gracious Father. They commit many secret sins knowing that thou art a forgiving Lord, just as the children, pampered by the mother, disobey her. People have shown little respect to Thee and to those who preach Thy Word. Protect us attack us, but give us the power to defeat them.

From the mouths of the faithful, expressions like 'the Second Coming', 'line of the Bride's group', 'life in the Cloud', and 'the heavenly feast', will come out, and the desire is there; but they are devoid of action. Give us the grace not to be like them. Praise to Thee. Some people do not change despite all that is preached to them; there is no use discarding all but even one bad way. What is the use of speaking invain about the Bride, Group of the Living and the Second Coming? Those who pronounce these three things nominally, will be found guilty. Make us learn that those who do not discard the very thought of sin are also guilty. We pray to Thee to bless us that we may receive Thy grace here and now. Amen.

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APPENDIX

THE BRIDE

The Wedding of the Lamb will be performed in heaven, when the Church will be seated as the Bride. The Lord Jesus is the Bridegroom or the Lamb because He shed His own blood on the cross as sacrifice and acquired the rights of the ownership of the Church. So, the Church became His Bride. This should be our subject under consideration now. The Jews were not the only congregation, but it was a mixture of both Jews and Gentiles. The Jews deprived themselves of this privilege of being the Lord's congregation as they had the mistaken notion that the Lord was a secular king. We must be cautious against any false idea regarding the Bridegroom or any decrease in love for Him, because we may not join the company of the Bride.

The characteristics expected of those who desire to be raised as the Bride.

(1) Knowledge.

(2) Prayer.

(3) Faith.

(4) Obedience.

(1) Knowledge:- One should have full awareness of the Second Coming.

(2) Prayer:- One should offer all the desirable supplications in prayer.

(3) Faith:- One should believe in being accepted by the Lord into the line of the Bride.

(4) Obedience:- Performing according to what

the Word of the Lord has instructed.

Five of the virgins among the ten were left out (Matt.25thch). The reason was, their love for the Bridegroom was found to be wanting (Rev:2:4). So we have to pray to the Lord to hasten the preparation of those who are a part of the Bride.

PREPARING FOR THE ADVENT

(1) We should be thorough with the Bible.

(2) We should have completed the Gospel work, which means preaching to those whom we can reach and distributing the Gospel tracts.

(3) We should have completed the offering of prayers needed.

(4) We should have paid the tithes and cleared all the debts.

(5) We should reconcile ourselves with others, confessing our sins.

(6) We should review the notes and sermons prepared earlier and get them assessed by the leaders and members of the congregation.

(7) We should resolve to do the things expected of us.

(8) We should stop relying on the notes prepared earlier, and prayers of others. We have to wait with individual prayers and praises. We must prepare with faith in the Lord based on the Word. We must have thorough knowledge of the Second Coming discussed in news papers, journals and the notes prepared in the Church.

(9) If we fail to do things which we have promised to do, how can we expect the Lord to do for us? There should be no delay in the preparation (for the

Rapture). The Lord instructed a rich man to do as He said. There is no need to ask the Lord who has to do. Therefore, one should do one's own duty. If you say 'I have no knowledge of His Coming, whose mistake is it? If you do great service (ministry) after being saved, you get more results of it, but where shall be your part in the Advent?. By reading the Bible assiduously you acquire great knowledge of it, but, where is your place in the Coming? If you pray for many people, you will receive the fruits of your prayer, but what fruit do you have for the Coming? If you do much Gospel work, you will get much result, but where is your share in the Rapture? If you give more offerings to God you will reap the benefit of liberal giving, but what benefit do you get in the Second Coming. You will have a part in the Second Coming only if you prepare for it.

(10) You have to make yourselves thoroughly aware of the story of the great deluge, Daniel 2&7 Chapters, the ascension of Enoch and Elijah; the words of the Lord in Mark 13:32-37; and the words of the Lord and the Apostles concerning the Rapture.

QUERIES

(1) O reader, have you understood that there are no impediments for the Lord who is coming soon and that He will come soon after the manifestation of the signs?

(2) Have you understood that the Lord will come any time, although He has not declared the time and date?

(3) Apart from the public signs, have you realized the signs given to you personally by the Lord? Which means, have you understood what the Lord had told

you about the time of His Coming?

(4) Are you sure that you are saved? Has the Lord told you this also?

(5) Has the Lord told you that you have been baptized in the Holy Spirit? Is it certain?

(6) Have you guessed that you might become cool in your preparation having waited for His Advent in readiness till now?

(7) Have you recognized that all those who have been named are not false prophets; that the False Prophets specified in the Bible will come in the seven years of tribulation; and that any claimant is not Anti-Christ, but only one who comes in the seven years?

(8) Can you enlighten those who do not believe in the divinity of Christ, like the false prophets and anti-christs, and those who after coming to know that the Advent is at hand and yet say that all these signs are there for the past two thousand years and that the signs are not manifested in all places? Can you enlighten such enquirers, questioning the Advent?

(9) Do you have with you the satisfactory answers for those who say that they are happy and confident about being Raptured; those who expect to join the Rapture because they have learnt about it; those who say that they will be transported to heaven on account of the prayers of their well wishers; those who believe in being eligible for the Rapture through their baptism; those who say that the Lord shall take with Him those who simply believe Him, even without learning these very things concerning the Rapture and unprepared for it, and likewise they also will be taken; and those who believe that they are sure of being Raptured, because they have

convinced many people about the Coming of the Lord in their ministry? Are all these convincing reasons for the believers to be raised? The Lord asserts in (Heb: 6:1-7) that those who believe in the above mentioned things are guilty of sinning against the Holy-Spirit.

(10) Have you reminded those who rejoice in believing that they will be Raptured according to the manner mentioned above, as per what is stated in Ezekiel 33:32-30?

(11) Those who listen to the Word, those who listen and believe, those who believe and live accordingly, those who receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, those who have been trained in this world itself to witness the glory, in New Jerusalem and those who, like John, enter into deep intense communion with the Lord, shall be Raptured.

(12) Who are the false prophets? (A) Those who say that Christ is here and there, are false prophets. Some accuse those who do not locate Christ in this manner, and call them false prophets. Such accusers are the false prophets. (B) In the end times, scoffers come forward and say that things have been the same since the beginning of creation, and question how they can speak about the certainty of the Rapture. Such are the false prophets. (C) Those who deny the imminence of the Rapture inspite of the signs pointing to it, are false prophets. (D) Those who find fault with the others, who preach about the Second Coming, are false prophets.

(13) What does 'the undermining of grace' mean or signify? Some people feel that they do like preparing

for the Rapture, but face many hindrances; and they think that the Lord will remove their hindrances and take them with Him. Even if God receives out of His grace, punishment will be according to justice. Before the Rapture, man will experience the period of Grace. The Lord will provide many opportunities, and in the event of our rejecting them we have to face the justice. Glory is given in the Grace. If that is not utilized properly, justice will remove the glory.

(14) After the (afflictions of) seals and trumpets have passed, and before the terrible tribulation of bowels, God will call upon people to turn to Him. Many will obey. But those who, having known Him, make light of His grace; like those who reject the grace, and those who have not had the change of heart. Those who treat the parents with contempt, are their own children, but not outsiders. The outsiders will defy; so also, those who know about God make light of Him. The gates of Noah's Ark shall be closed and the Grace will cease. The prodigal son asked for his father's pardon and discarded the things undesirable. As the full return related to the son, the father received him as his son, not as a servant. It would be reasonable to call oneself undesirable only after preparing (for the Rapture) but not before.

THE CHARACTERISTICS TO BE FOUND IN THOSE WHO ARE TO BE RAISED AS THE BRIDE

(1) Have you read the Bible thoroughly from cover to cover?

(2) Have you completed all the prayer items which means; for whom and for which different aspect?

(3) Have you meditated upon how many times the Lord saved you since your childhood, from danger-

ous accidents and redeemed you from troubles, problems, in conveniences, griefs, diseases and accusations. And for every one of them have you adequately thanked Him?

(4) Have you remembered what different types of benefactions that the Lord has bestowed upon you since your childhood? And have you praised Him for each one of them? They refer to the good things pertaining to physical life.

(5) Have preached the complete Gospel to those you wanted to preach, to those you are directed by the Holy Spirit to preach, and to those who came to hear you? More over, have you completed the Gospel work in all the departments, concerning the Gospel ministry within your capacity to perform? How many people do you think you have brought to the Lord?

(6) Have you wiped out your trespasses? Which means have you apologized to those whom you have offended? Also have you cancelled the things that you misrepresented about certain people to others?

(7) Have cleared your debts, even including the small things like a matchbox, a pencil or any other things you owed to others?

(8) Even before you got into the line of the Bride did you confess your sins and were forgiven? Now, even if you are not a part of the Bride, do you still remain a virgin belonging to either foolish group or wise group?

(9) Have you studied diligently about the Second Coming and Bride Church and where it is mentioned in the Bible, and have you completed learning all the lessons?

(10) Have you cleared your debts to God, which

are, the tithes and all other dues that you have owed from the time you came to know the Lord?

(11) Some people feel that just being saved is enough and that desiring to being to the Bride's group will be inviting mire troubles resulting in losing both the benefits. So saying, they stop short with the Salvation.

(12) If you happened to know the Lord Jesus Christ here in this world, still if you do not make acquaintance with Him, how can you join the group of the Bride?

(13) How can those who do not possess even one of the revelations made to you, join the Bride's line?

(14) Those who shine with the Bridal charm in different states of disease, discomfort, troubles and problems, and above all sinful state are those who being to the Bride's line. State of sin means any one trivial sin. Even if they come across this state by chance, those who can pass over it in a trice, belong to the Bride's a fold. This means the sheen of the Bridal charm should not lack even for a moment. The Bride should always be charming.

(15) If we keep on looking at the Lord's face, we receive His brilliance. And that is the specific sign of the Bride. Do you possess all these signs?

THE ATTITUDE OF THOSE WHO ASSERT THAT THE LORD WILL NOT COME.

The Word says, that the Lord is coming soon. And what do the people belonging to different groups think of the Lord's Coming?

(1) **The Atheists:-** What do these people say? "We say that there is no God. So we cancel God's Word. Therefore we cancel what He says. We also cancel the

Bible that you speak about and we cancel even the Second Coming which the Bible and you speak about". Their main voice is that Jesus Christ will not come.

(2) **The Unbelievers** :- These are not Christians and do not believe in the Salvation promised in the Bible, from the beginning to the end, but accept the plan of Salvation, they do not accept the Second Advent. So their voice is "He will not come".

(3) **The niminal Churches** in the Christian world say, "It is true that the Lord Jesus said He would come, but there is a spiritual meaning to it. Moreover, whenever we pray He comes, but not with physical body. The innocent believers fail to understand the deep meanings and delude themselves that the Lord will come in physical form. There is a spiritual meaning to that statement". Thus their voice is that Christ will not come.

(4) **The pseudo believers**:- They have haith for some days and be without it some other days. Even they are Christians, they profess faith while enjoying the required luxuries and happiness. Then they say that the Lord will come. When they face troubles, they backslide and declare that the Lord will not come. They will be like God on Sunday and world on Monday. When they are healthy, they say "I believe the Lord will come", and praise Him. When they come. Those who assert for some time that he will come and deny it another time are the pseudo believers. When they hear the Rapture sermon, they maintain that the Lord will come. But on hearing a sermon that He will not come, they will support it. Their voice is that He will not come.

(5) **The Ignorant**:- Theirs is a peculiar language. They say, " On one hand some people say that He is

Coming, and on the other hand, others say that He is not Coming. We are caught in the middle, and thus are unable to decide. We will close our ears and listen to neither. We shall be devout formally and that will be enough for us". Their voice is "The Lord will come and will not come" which amounts to "He will not come".

(6) **The faithful** :- They are devout Christians. They are strong Christians at heart but do not have sufficient knowledge of the Bible. They say "As the Lord declared that He would come, He will definitely come. But when, we cannot say". So these two together will bring them to "He will not come". The five foolish virgins felt that the Bridegroom would not come before they bought the oil, and went into the town. If they had thought that He would come, they would not have gone. Ultimately, their idea was that He would not have come then. Finally their voice is "He will not come". The voice of state that He will come late and that of the others who say that He will not come at all, are the same, which is again "He will not come".

(7) **The Bride**:- The faith of this group, "I shall certainly be Raptured". This is the great faith. A missionary called Egbert believed in the same way, wrote during the festival of trumpets in September that the Lord had come. He died. And those who came to know of his death felt greatly disappointed.

He that believes the Lord will come today, is blessed. He will not be left behind without being Raptured with Christ. "Jesus Christ is coming soon".

THE ASCENSION OF ELIJAH

(II Kings:2:1-12).

Elijah and his disciple were going on a journey from place to place before Elijah's ascension. We