

Sunday Service via Facebook Live December 13, 2020 Bishop C. Anthony Muse

3rd Sunday of Advent Season Subject: "Decorate Your House! Jesus is Coming (Again)!"

Scripture References:

- 1. Isaiah 61:1-4; 61:8-11
- 2. St. Luke 4:16-21
- 3. Psalm 1
- 4. Hebrews 10:5
- 5. Isaiah 61:2
- 6. Isaiah 4:17
- 7. Isaiah 4:19
- 8. St. Luke 4:21
- 9. Psalm 24

Notes:

- Advent means the arrival of or the coming of Jesus Christ.
- This is a time of spiritual preparation.
- Anew means a different more positive way: a fresh manifestation of God!
- This lesson's focus is "setting the atmosphere".
 - o Change your atmosphere...drive darkness and gloom out of your house.
- Atmosphere means the pervading tone, the mood of, the mood of a place, person, and/or situation.
 - o In our scripture reading, atmosphere means the mood of the spirit or the mood of your spiritual, internal self.
- Patrick Bow The influence of the atmosphere has a positive or negative impact on the customers.
 - Is your environment pleasing? Whatever situation you create...it's either an environment of approach or avoidance.
 - o Is the environment interesting enough for customers to stay and buy stuff?
 - o Does the environment control the mind to the point that the customer feels like they need what is offered?
- Satan also knows that one's environment can either be positive or negative.
- Jesus Christ came to change our atmosphere. He came to bring unspeakable joy!
- Mass means the worship of.

<u>Premise</u>: Outward and visible signs can bring about inward and spiritual change. One's atmosphere, both spiritually and physically matters. Christmas, this CHRIST MASS, is about being adorned and ready to receive the Christ of Christmas. It's also about Christ adorning us and changing our atmosphere.

Takeaways:

- 1. Let's decorate, adorn and receive all that Christ has brought to transform us. Despite what's happening in this world, spiritually, we have an alternative to Satan's atmosphere. It's our ministry to influence the world.
- 2. Christ has come to exalt those who've endured the world's affliction. He decorates and adorns us, so that we can experience and display the joy of Christmas worship; display the joy of God in our lives daily.
- 3. We must create an atmosphere that invites Christ to dwell with us. Don't be deceived by world's counterfeit joy. Christ has come to authentically change the mood for all believers. Receive what he's brought, change your atmosphere and offer it to everyone.
- When you look at stuff from God's perspective, we are the tree and God decorates us. God gives us salvation and royalty to show off.
- Palm tree During a storm...it blows, but it won't break. It symbolizes royalty and salvation.
- Christians are like oak trees. The oak tree is the oldest tree; a strong tree. It symbolizes eternal life.
- Change your atmosphere for Christmas!
 - Decorate a tree or a section of your house. Put up a sign that says "Welcome to My House Jesus!"
 - o Open up the Bible and read the Christmas story.
 - Light a candle and remember that there is light in dark places. God is light!
 - o Then, make another sign with your name on it. It will be a representation that you are a gift to Jesus Christ.
 - Last, open up the window and throw satan out of your house. Tell satan, "Get out of my house!"

Point 1: My Christmas transformation is here!

- Christmas is not Christmas without Christ.
- When you think about Christmas, you must think about mercy, grace, the cross, salvation, Holy Ghost, forgiveness, victory over sin and death.
- Christ came to suffer and die. (Hebrews 10:5)
- Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning light!
- Christmas is my representation that morning keeps coming! Night/trouble keeps coming, but morning is coming!
- Isaiah Chapters 1-39 is about Judgment.
 - The main theme of Isaiah is found in Chapter 1:27.
 - No matter what you are going through, Zion (the children of God) will be redeemed!
 - Isaiah 7:14
- Isaiah Chapters 40-59 talk about how you will get double for judgment.
- Isaiah Chapters 60-66 talk about the praise and promise of Jesus. (Isaiah 61:2)
- Your atmosphere is about to change if you help God and allow Him to change you...Let God come in and change your atmosphere!
 - God moves when the atmosphere is right!
- The acceptable year is here. Acceptable means favor.
- The next time Jesus comes; He's coming as a Judge...King!

Point 2: Jesus, dress me up and pick me up for Christmas!

- The King has power to change your atmosphere. He's King Jesus!!! (Psalm 24)
- Decorate me King Jesus!
- You ought to focus on Christmas and Advent on a daily basis because they are forever!
- Beauty (Greek haddah...splendor, majesty, and honor) means to decorate.
- From Isaiah to Luke, I'm changing your atmosphere. God is going to bring the acceptable.
- God will give you beauty (garland) for ashes.
- When God shows up, He is going to wrap us up in beauty (garland).
- God gives us praise (mantle) for the spirit of heaviness.

Point 3: In me, I have more than enough for Christmas!

God is going to bring you oil, which is the anointing.

- God is going to give you double for your trouble!
- Jesus loves us!
- He calls us to be Holy, but God struggles with us!
- God will restore the years that they locust has eaten.
- You shall not get messed up with counterfeit joy!
- God has given us more than enough...hope, joy, love, salvation, etc.
- Bring me the Christmas joy Jesus!
- Decorate your house with the light of God!
 - Fix your inside up.
 - Take out some of the junk that the world has placed in you.
- Sometimes life's circumstances will cause us to minimize our expectations of Christ, but God!
- Let satan know that you are going to allow God into your atmosphere!
- God will always show us that He's able to exceed our expectations every time!

Prayer of Salvation:

- Salvation is not to make you perfect, but it is to make you better and to know that your sins have been paid for! If you are not saved today or need to rededicate to Christ, please stop and say this prayer unto God...Father, I have sinned. I thank you for Jesus who died on the cross for my sins. Come into my heart and save me. I receive you and because I ask and I believe, I am saved forever!!! Amen!!! Hallelujah!!!
 - If you said this prayer of salvation or rededication, please email Bishop Muse at <u>bishopmuse@gmail.com</u> or text 313131.