

## **Week Three**

### **Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming by Giving Heed to the Prophetic Word as to a Lamp Shining in a Dark Place Until the Day Dawns and the Morning Star Rises in Our Hearts**

Hymns: 666

Scripture Reading: 2 Pet. 1:19; Psa. 119:105, 130; Rev. 2:28; Mal. 4:2; 1 Thes. 5:4-6

#### **§ Day 1**

- I. **It is crucial for believers to give heed to the prophetic word—2 Pet. 1:19a:**
  - A. Prophecies are matters that God requires us to know, and believers should give heed to them—1 Pet. 1:10; 2 Pet. 3:2; Luke 1:70.
  - B. The Lord Jesus charged us to understand the prophecies; this clearly shows that the believers must pay attention to the prophecies in the Bible—Matt. 24:15; cf. Dan. 9:24-27.
  - C. If the church does not pay adequate attention to these prophecies, many believers will inevitably lose faith, be deceived by lies, be destroyed because of a lack of that knowledge, and forget the Lord's coming by not being watchful—Hosea 4:6; 1 Thes. 5:4-6; Matt. 24:42; 1 Pet. 5:8.
  - D. If the believers do not have the prophecies in the Bible, they will fall into darkness—Acts 26:18; John 12:35-36; Eph. 5:8-9:
    1. The present age is the nighttime—Rom. 13:12; 1 Thes. 5:4-8.
    2. When the Lord Jesus comes, the day will dawn (2 Pet. 1:19c), and the next age, the kingdom age, will be the daytime.

#### **§ Day 2**

## **II. Peter likens the word of prophecy in the Scripture to a lamp shining in a dark place—v. 19b:**

- A. This indicates that this age is a dark place in the dark night (Rom. 13:12), and all the people of this world are moving and acting in darkness (cf. Acts 26:18).**
- B. The prophetic word of the Scriptures, as the shining lamp to the believers, conveys spiritual light that shines in their darkness (not merely knowledge in letters for their mental apprehension), guiding them into a bright day, even to pass through the dark night until the day of the Lord's appearing dawns—2 Pet. 1:19b; 2 Tim. 4:8; 1:12.**
- C. Before the Lord as the sunlight appears, we need this word as light to shine over our footsteps—Mal. 4:2; Psa. 119:105, 130.**
- D. If we give heed to the prophetic word in the Bible, which shines as a lamp in a dark place, we will have Christ rising in our hearts to shine in the darkness—2 Pet. 1:19b.**

### **§ Day 3 & Day 4**

## **III. We need to give heed to the lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts—v. 19c:**

- A. The Greek words rendered “dark place” may also be translated “murky place,” a place that is squalid, dry, and neglected.**
- B. The day is a metaphor illustrating a time coming that will be full of light, as a bright day dawning, with the morning star rising, before its dawning, in the hearts of the believers, who are illuminated and enlightened by giving heed to the shining word of prophecy in the Scripture:**
  - 1. This will cause and encourage the believers to earnestly seek the Lord's presence and be watchful so that they will not miss the Lord in the secret part of His coming (parousia), when He will come as a thief—Matt. 24:27 and footnote 1, vv. 42-43; 2 Thes. 2:8 and footnote 3.**
  - 2. This metaphor must allude to the coming age, the day of the kingdom, as a day that will dawn at the appearing (the coming) of the Lord as the Sun of righteousness, whose light will shine to break through the gloom of the**

dark night of this age—Mal. 4:2.

**C. The morning star appears in the darkest hour, prior to dawn—Rev. 22:16b; cf. Num. 24:17; Matt. 2:2, 9-10:**

1. This indicates that Christ will appear as the bright morning star in the darkest time, prior to the end of this age—Rev. 22:16b.
2. The Lord's appearing as the morning star and His appearing as the Sun of righteousness will not be at the same time—2:28; Mal. 4:2:
  - a. The morning star appears before dawn, and the appearing of the sun occurs after the dawning of the day.
  - b. As the Sun of righteousness after the dawning of the day, Christ will appear publicly to all the people on the earth—v. 2.
  - c. As the bright morning star before the dawning of the day, He will appear privately to the overcomers who are watching, preparing, and waiting for Him—Rev. 22:16b.
  - d. He will secretly give Himself as the morning star to those who love Him and who watch and wait for Him that they may have the priority to taste the freshness of His presence at His coming back after a long absence—2:28.

## § Day 5 & Day 6

**D. When we give heed to the word of the Scriptures as to a lamp shining in a dark place, the condition within us will be like the day dawning and the morning star rising in our hearts—2 Pet. 1:19c:**

1. Figuratively, the day dawns refers to the coming age of the kingdom as a bright day dawning—cf. Matt. 13:43.
2. Concerning the types of Christ, the entire Bible begins with Him as light and ends with Him as the morning star—Gen. 1:3; Rev. 2:28; 22:16b.
3. The morning star refers to Christ who, in the darkest hour of the night, prior to the dawning of the kingdom age, will secretly rise in the hearts of those who love His appearing—v. 16b.
4. If we continually give heed to the shining word of the Scriptures, we will have the kingdom as the day dawning in us and Christ as the morning star rising in our hearts before His actual appearing as the bright morning star—2 Pet. 1:19; Rev. 2:28.
5. Christ as the morning star will be given to the overcomers as their first

reward; we need to make ourselves ready for the secret appearing of the Lord as the morning star—vv. 28-29.

## DAY 1

### Morning Nourishment

**Rom. 13:12 The night is far advanced, and the day has drawn near. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the weapons of light.**

**1 Thes. 5:4-6 But you...are not in darkness that the day should overtake you like a thief;...you are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. So then let us not sleep, as the rest do, but let us watch and be sober.**

Although night is the time for sleep, “the night is far advanced” (Rom. 13:12). So, we should wake up, be watchful, and sleep no more.

The present age is the nighttime. When the Lord Jesus returns, day will dawn. The next age will be the daytime...We need not only to wake up from sleep, but also to cast off the works of darkness and put on the weapons of light (v. 12). This indicates a warfare. (Life-study of Romans, pp. 322-323)

### Today's Reading

Some think that prophecies are not interesting and are difficult to interpret. Others think that pursuing spiritual gifts, holiness, and the kingdom is crucial and urgently needed but to know and understand prophecies is secondary and optional. There are also those who think that the result of studying prophecies is merely the addition of knowledge and is not profitable for growth in spiritual life. These are all misconceptions.

Prophecies are matters that God requires man to know, and believers should give heed to them [2 Pet. 1:19-21]... Peter's word indicates that the word of the Old Testament prophets confirms and strengthens his testimony of Jesus Christ (vv. 16-18) and is an inoculation for the believers against heresies and apostasy.

The Lord Jesus also charged us to understand the prophecies (Matt. 24:15)... If the church does not pay adequate attention to these prophecies, many believers will inevitably lose faith, be deceived by lies, be “destroyed

/ Because of a lack of that knowledge” (Hosea 4:6), and forget the Lord’s coming by not being watchful.

The Bible is a very accurate book; not even one word is wrong, and not a single word should be misread or replaced. If a person is careless, he will miss God’s word... If a person [reading prophecies] is inaccurate, the accuracy of God is sacrificed... Before the Lord Jesus was born, a number of the children of Israel were expecting to meet their Messiah because they came to know, at least partially, the prophecies of the Old Testament, which spoke of God giving His people a Messiah, the anointed One. However, many of them did not know that Jesus was actually born in Bethlehem. Thinking that Jesus, who was called a Nazarene, came from Galilee, they rejected Him and missed the coming of the Messiah in their time (John 7:40-42; cf. Matt. 2:1-12, 19-23; Luke 2:39; Matt. 3:13). Due to a lack of fineness and accuracy in understanding the Old Testament prophecies, the chief priests and scribes missed the first coming of Christ. Today we also may have only a general understanding of the prophecies and not know them so accurately or finely. This may cause us to miss the second coming of Christ and suffer loss. Thus, we must learn to know the prophecies accurately and not be careless.

God’s Word is accurate, but we must never search it with a curious mind. If we search God’s Word with a curious mind, we will altogether miss its spiritual worth. The Bible is a spiritual book. If the purpose of achieving accuracy is the satisfaction of our curiosity, rather than the satisfaction of our spiritual needs, we are on the wrong track. Studying prophecies is not for the purpose of satisfying a curiosity about the future; studying prophecies is for the sake of waiting for the Lord’s return... When we study the prophecies, we must not be curious; rather, we should touch life, touch the spirit, and touch the Lord. (Truth Lessons—Level Four, vol. 1, pp. 6-9)

Further Reading: Life-study of Romans, msg. 27

## DAY 2

### Morning Nourishment

**2 Pet. 1:19 And we have the prophetic word made more firm, to which you do well to give heed as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.**

**Psa. 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

**130 The opening of Your words gives light, imparting understanding to the simple.**

In Psalm 119:105 the psalmist says a practical word about light... This is not a matter of doctrine or teaching, but of experience in the daily life of the psalmist. Step after step in his daily life, the Word was his light.

In ancient times, there were, of course, no street lights. Those who traveled at night needed a lamp, lantern, or torch to light their way... In a very practical way, to the psalmist the Word of God was such a lamp casting light on his pathway.

As the embodiment of God, the unique light, the Word of God is a shining light. This light is actually God Himself in the Word. Because the Word is the condensation of the divine light, we enter into an atmosphere of light whenever we come to the Word... In a lighted room, we do not simply receive light, but we are in a realm of light. (Life-study of Exodus, pp. 697-698, 696)

### Today's Reading

You do not have the sense that you are in light when you read a newspaper or magazine. But if you read the Word or pray-read some verses of the Scriptures with a sincere heart and in an attitude of humility, you will be conscious of having been brought into light. Whenever we come to the Word in a proper way, we have the conviction that we have come into the light and are in a sphere of light. Then spontaneously we receive light, and

we become people who are absolutely in light. (Life-study of Exodus, p. 696)

In his second Epistle Peter is giving the believers a strong testimony as an inoculation against heresy... Peter seems to be saying, "Don't listen to the heretics. Along with John and James, I was an eyewitness of the Lord's majesty on the holy mountain. We were with Him when He was transfigured, and we heard the voice declaring, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I delight.' What we have told you is not a legend, myth, or superstitious tale. We testified of what we have seen and heard. We saw the Lord Jesus transfigured, and we know that as He was glorified in His transfiguration, so He will come again in glory. You need to receive our word and believe it."

In 1:19-21 Peter goes on to use the prophetic word found in the Old Testament to confirm their testimony. Both the apostles' witness and the prophetic word in the Scriptures are the shining of the truth. This shining is part of the divine provision, the provision God has made by His power so that His elect children may be able to stay away from heresy and apostasy. In verse 19...and indicates that in addition to the truth of the Lord's transfiguration covered in the preceding verses as the inoculation against superstitious myths, the truth of the prophetic word is used for a more sure confirmation. After speaking of his personal experience of the Lord's glory in His transfiguration, Peter goes on to use the word of the prophets to confirm his testimony and strengthen it.

Peter indicates that the believers do well to give heed to the prophetic word. This means that they were studying the Old Testament prophecies and giving heed to them.

Peter likens the word of prophecy in the Scripture to a lamp shining in a dark place. This indicates that this age is a dark place in the dark night (Rom. 13:12) and that all the people of this world are moving and acting in darkness. It also indicates that the prophetic word of the Scripture, as the shining lamp to the believers, conveys spiritual light to shine in their darkness (not merely knowledge in letters for mental apprehension) and guides them to enter into a bright day, even to pass through the dark night until the day of the Lord's appearing dawns. (Life-study of 2 Peter, pp. 69-70)

Further Reading: Life-study of 2 Peter, msg. 8



## DAY 3

### Morning Nourishment

**2 Pet. 1:19** And we have the prophetic word made more firm, to which you do well to give heed as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

**2 Tim. 4:8** ...There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, with which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will recompense me in that day, and not only me but also all those who have loved His appearing.

The Greek words rendered “dark place” [in 2 Peter 1:19] may also be translated “murky place,” a place that is squalid, dry, and neglected. This is a metaphor, illustrating the darkness in the apostasy.

Peter says that we do well to give heed to the prophetic word until the day dawns and the morning star arises in our hearts. This also is a metaphor, illustrating a time coming that will be full of light, as a bright day dawning, with the morning star, before dawn, rising in the hearts of the believers, who are illuminated and enlightened by giving heed to the shining word of the prophecy of Scripture. (Life-study of 2 Peter, pp. 70-71)

### Today's Reading

In the time of apostasy the believers do well to give heed in this matter so that the prophetic word, as a lamp, may shine through the darkness of apostasy until such a day dawns upon them. This will cause and encourage them to seek earnestly the Lord's presence and be watchful that they not miss the Lord in the secret part of His parousia, when He comes as a thief (Matt. 24:27; 2 Thes. 2:8). Hence, this metaphor should allude to the coming age, the age of the kingdom, as a day that will dawn at the appearing (the coming) of the Lord (2 Pet. 1:16) as the Sun of righteousness (Mal. 4:2), whose light will shine to break through the gloom of the dark night of this age. Preceding this, the Lord will appear as the morning star (Rev. 2:28; 22:16) in the darkest hour of the night to those

who are watchful and looking for His dear appearing (2 Tim. 4:8).

It is correct to say that the dawning of the day in 2 Peter 1:19 refers to the time of the Lord's coming back. On that day, the Lord will shine as the Sun of righteousness. The time that is very close to the Lord's appearing may be likened to early morning, at which time the Lord Jesus will be the morning star to His watchful believers. Although all of this is true, Peter is saying something even more. Actually, in 1:19 Peter covers two matters at the same time. He is saying that the entire world is a dark place and that this present age is a dark night. If we did not have the prophecies of the Bible, we also would be in darkness, for we would not have a lamp. But the prophetic word is our lamp shining in the darkness. As we give heed to this prophetic word, we receive the shining of the light. Eventually, this light will shine until a spiritual day dawns within us, and a morning star rises in our hearts. Therefore, Peter first is speaking of a spiritual day, a day that dawns within us. He also speaks of a future day, the day of the Lord's coming back.

Our experience confirms the fact that in 1:19 Peter is speaking both of a spiritual day and the day of the Lord's coming. Many times we were in darkness and came to the prophecies in the Bible. As we studied the prophecies, a lamp began to shine within us. Spontaneously we had the sense that no longer were we in the night but in the day, for a spiritual day had dawned within us. We have not only the shining of a lamp, but also the dawning of a day. How pleasant it is for the morning star to rise up in our hearts! Although there may be darkness all around us, within us there is a morning star.

The dawning day in 1:19 also refers to a future day when the Lord Jesus will come back as the Sun of righteousness. Before His visible coming, He will be the morning star to those who watch for Him. Therefore, Peter's word in 1:19 applies both to our spiritual situation and to the Lord's coming. (Life-study of 2 Peter, pp. 71-72)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1990, vol. 3, "The Prophecy of the Four 'Sevens' in the Bible," ch. 6

## DAY 4

### Morning Nourishment

**Rev. 2:28 And to him I will give the morning star.**

**Matt. 24:42-43 Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord comes...If the householder had known in which watch the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.**

If we give heed to the prophecies of the Bible, we will experience a lamp shining within us, enjoy the morning star rising in our hearts, and have a spiritual day dawning within us. We may remain in this condition until the actual time comes when the Lord Jesus appears as the morning star and there is the dawning of day with Him as the Sun of righteousness.

Although great changes have taken place in the world during the past fifty years, I have not been surprised, because of the light from the prophetic word in the Bible. I can also testify that, according to Peter's word, I enjoy the morning star and the inward dawning of a spiritual day. (Life-study of 2 Peter, p. 72)

### Today's Reading

First we have the shining of the prophetic word, and then this shining becomes a day dawning within us. Outwardly, we live in an age of darkness, but inwardly, we are full of light. We may continue to enjoy the morning star and the dawning of a spiritual day until the time the Lord appears as the morning star to the watchful ones and dawns as the Sun of righteousness.

In [2 Peter 1:19] Peter seems to be saying, "Brothers, as Jewish believers you have much knowledge of the prophecies in the Old Testament, and you have heard our testimony concerning the Lord's coming. Now some heretics are trying to tell you that this is a superstition, that it is a tale, myth, or legend. Don't listen to them, and don't accept heretical teachings. You have our testimony, and you have the prophetic word shining within you. This prophetic word should shine within you until the day dawns and

the morning star arises in your hearts.” (Life-study of 2 Peter, p. 73)

Revelation 2:28 tells us that Christ will give the morning star to the overcomers... Concerning the types of Christ, the entire Bible begins with Him as the light (Gen. 1:3) and ends with Him as the morning star, a luminary. The morning star appears in the darkest hour, after midnight and prior to the dawn. This indicates that Christ will appear as the bright morning star in the darkest time, prior to the close of this age.

His appearing as the morning star (Rev. 2:28) and His appearing as the Sun of righteousness (Mal. 4:2) will not be at the same time. The former occurs before dawn, and the latter occurs after the dawning of the day. As the Sun of righteousness after the dawning of the day, He will appear publicly to all the people on the earth. As the bright morning star before the dawning of the day, He will appear privately to the overcomers who are watching, preparing, and waiting for Him. While people are sleeping soundly in the night, He will secretly give Himself as the morning star to those who love Him and who watch and wait for Him (Rev. 2:28), that they may have the priority to taste the freshness of His presence at His coming back after a long absence. This will encourage them to earnestly seek the Lord's presence and be watchful so that they will be able to stand before Him in the secret part of His coming, when He will come as a thief (Luke 21:36; Matt. 24:43). Christ as the morning star will be given to the overcomers as their first reward, the earliest prize (Rev. 2:26-29). We must make ourselves ready for the secret appearing of the Lord as the morning star.

At the darkest time, within the overcomers there is a star shining. The overcomers will have and enjoy the particular light, Christ as the morning star. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 4190-4191)

Further Reading: Truth Lessons—Level Four, vol. 1, lsn. 1

## DAY 5

### Morning Nourishment

**Matt. 2:2 ...Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star at its rising and have come to worship Him.**

**Rev. 22:16 I Jesus have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright morning star.**

A person who pursues an understanding of prophecies must have an intimate relationship with God... Enoch was the first person to prophesy, that is, to predict. When he was sixty-five years old, he had a son whom he named Methuselah (Gen. 5:21). This name has a prophetic significance; it means “when he is dead, it will be sent.” Hence, this name was a prophecy of the coming judgment by the flood. After Enoch received the prophecy regarding the flood, he rose up and left that ungodly age. Moreover, he was taken by God and did not see death (vv. 22-24)... Daniel saw visions and recorded prophecies, because he was a “man of preciousness” to God (Dan. 10:11, 19; 9:23). The apostle John wrote the visions in the book of Revelation, because he was the disciple whom the Lord loved, and he had the experience of reclining on the Lord’s breast (John 21:20). These examples prove that “the intimate counsel of Jehovah is to those who fear Him, / And His covenant will He make known to them” (Psa. 25:14). (Truth Lessons—Level Four, vol. 1, p. 11)

### Today’s Reading

We have the prophetic word, the Bible [2 Pet. 1:19]. However, the prophetic word is not the star; the Bible is not the star. Then what should we do?... Since we have the prophetic word, we need to give heed to it, we need to pay full attention to it, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts.

The word used for star here can be translated into English as “phosphorous.” This star is something as phosphorous, bringing light in the

darkness... The Bible should not simply be words in black and white; it should not be dead letters. We should give heed to the words of the Bible until something as phosphorous rises within us—that is, Christ as the morning star.

If we deal with the Word livingly and properly, it surely will turn into the living Christ. This is the turning point—the Word needs to be turned into Christ; the written word needs to be turned into the living word. We can never separate Christ from the living word. We should give heed to the prophetic word until it rises within us as Christ, as the phosphorous, as the day breaking through the darkness.

To have the Bible in our hands is one thing; to give heed to the word until the morning star rises in our heart is another. To have the knowledge of the Bible is one thing, but to have a shining star rising in our spirit is another. To take the way of studying the Bible in a seminary means nothing. What we need today is to take the Word into us, to give heed to the living word until something within rises and shines in our heart. Then we will have the star, and then we will be a star. This is not merely the knowledge about Christ but Christ Himself as the living star.

Sometimes we may take the Bible, read it, and feel that we receive nothing. Other times, however, when we open our heart and give heed to this prophetic word, something within is shining, rising, dawning, breaking through. While we are pray-reading the verses of the Bible, there is a sense deep within of enlightening, of shining, and this shining creates a love toward the Lord Jesus. We feel that He is so lovable. We could say, "O Lord Jesus, I love You; I do not have words to express how lovely You are!" Many times by this shining we are beside ourselves with love to the Lord Jesus. That is Jesus coming to us as the dawning day, as the morning star rising in our hearts... Many times when I was with this holy Word, something has risen within me like the daybreak. Oh, it is wonderful! The situation may not be bright, the surroundings may be full of darkness, but something within is enlightening, shining, filling with glory. (CWWL, 1970, vol. 1, "New Testament Service," pp. 287-289)

Further Reading: The Conclusion of the New Testament, msg. 411

## DAY 6

### Morning Nourishment

**Matt. 2:9-10 And after they heard the king, they went their way, and behold, the star which they saw at its rising led them until it came and stood over the place where the child was. And when they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.**

We love the Word, but not in the way of dead letters. We love the Word by giving heed to it until something within is dawning and rising in our heart—not the knowledge, not the written code, but the breaking through of day, the rising of the shining star.

In the days of the magi, the seeing of the star was a miraculous occurrence, but today to see the morning star is only normal and should be our regular experience. Day by day we need to have the morning star rising in our heart. We should not merely read the Bible...; we need to give heed to the prophetic word until the day dawns and the morning star rises in our heart.

Today, therefore, the star comes from the living word... In 2 Peter 1:19 we have the word and the morning star together. First, we have the word; second, by giving heed to the prophetic word, we have the morning star rising in our heart. If we will simply go along continually with this inner, rising star, we will consistently be in the Spirit. This is the New Testament service. (CWWL, 1970, vol. 1, "New Testament Service," pp. 288-289)

### Today's Reading

[In 2 Peter 1:19] three sources of light are mentioned—the lamp shining in a dark place, the dawning day, and the rising morning star.

As the shining lamp to the believers, the words of the Bible convey spiritual light that shines... In many seminaries those who read and study the Bible are still in darkness. They have no light, no shining, and no illuminating from the Word. Today, however, we must testify that in the church life, whenever we open the Bible, we are enlightened. Every page

illuminates, every line enlightens, and even every word shines over us. Through such a shining, we are thoroughly exposed.

In the past we all lived a life that was contrary to the model that the Lord Jesus left us. We were in darkness, and no one was able to convince us that we were wrong. The more people tried to convince us, the more we declared that we were right, and the more we vindicated ourselves. However, one day we attended a meeting of the church, and in just a short time after the start of the meeting, we were exposed. We were illumined by the divine light shining on us, and we realized that we were wrong.

In the church life there is nothing outwardly attractive. What attracted us and still attracts us is the shining of light. The divine light is always shining in the saints. As a result, there is not much need for correction, adjustment, convincing, or condemning. The inward shining through the word of God takes care of all the different problems and needs.

Whenever we receive a word from the Bible, this word shines in us, the shining exposes us, and the exposing subdues us. Others may be unable to subdue us, but the word of the Bible is able. We have something wonderful that shines within us and subdues us all the time. Sometimes we may want to argue with our spouse, but immediately the wonderful shining restricts us. This is the living word becoming the shining light in our experience. The word of God in the Bible, as a lamp shining in a dark place, conveys spiritual light that shines to enlighten the believers. This lamp becomes the morning star rising within the believers, which eventually brings in the dawning day, the age of the kingdom as a day that will dawn at the coming of the Lord Jesus as the Sun of righteousness (Mal. 4:2). The shining light progresses from a lamp to the dawning day. The more we are under the light, the more the xeroxing process takes place. Under the shining of the divine light the original model, the human life of the Lord Jesus as recorded in the four Gospels, is fully revealed. (CWWL, 1973-1974, vol. 1, pp. 291-292)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1973-1974, vol. 1, pp. 289-295



## **WEEK 3 — HYMN >>**

### **Hymns, #666 Watch, for the night is ending**

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#### **Encouragement — For Watching**

- 1 Watch, for the night is ending!  
    Watch, and the world not seek;  
Watch, for the day is dawning!  
    Watch, sink not in sleep.  
Watch, for the Lord is coming!  
    Watch for the foe's attack:  
Watch, for the Lord is waiting!  
    Watch, be never slack.
- 2 Watch, and arise in service!  
    Watch, though the day be drear;  
Watch, and go forth to labor!  
    Watch, the end is near.  
Watch and put on thy armor!  
    Watch with thy spirit strong;  
Watch to resist the devil!  
    Watch, Christ comes ere long.
- 3 Watch for the Savior's coming!  
    Watch for the Morning Star;  
Watch and pursue the Kingdom!  
    Watch with many a scar.  
Watch, and be ever watchful!  
    Watch, till the night is done;  
Watch till the dawn of glory!  
    Watch till the Lord shall come.

