

The background image is a night sky with a deep purple and blue gradient. A bright, multi-pointed star or comet is visible in the upper center, casting a soft glow. In the lower left, there are silhouettes of a large tree, two people (one standing and one kneeling), and three sheep. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Advent a Call to Prepare with Urgency

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Dear Friends,

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The essence of Advent is an invitation. It invites us to embrace the sacred anticipation of God's work. Jesus is on His way. He came to atone for our sins, He will return to govern the world, and He is currently knocking at the door of our hearts. Are we ready? Thoughtful preparation leads to a joyful celebration. We are undoubtedly living in challenging times. The world, as we know it, is teetering on the brink of collapse. Countries are turning against each other. Kindness is fading away. Families are being torn apart. Additionally, a veil of darkness has wrapped around humanity like a heavy cloak. The end is not a far-off idea. It is coming swiftly.

Are we prepared? Not in the sense of material preparedness, nor in the gathering of food or riches, but in relation to our divine calling? For your calling serves as the preparation for God's ultimate plan. This message serves as a wake-up call for our souls. When God created us, He had a divine intention in mind. We were not brought into existence just to live, consume, work, and eventually perish. No, we were born with a calling intricately woven into the essence of our souls. In these last days, that calling is not only important, but it is also urgent. As the end draws near, God will not ask about our achievements as defined by worldly measures.

He will not ask about how many houses we owned, the money we gathered, the friends we made, or the level of fame we achieved. Instead, He will want to know if we answered the calling He set for our lives. Did we stay true to our faith? Did we bring His light into the darkness? Just look around us. Every sign is telling us to "Prepare!" The deception has grown. What was once considered sacred is now seen as foolishness. What was previously viewed as sin is now celebrated as freedom. Families, meant to be the bedrock of society, are falling apart. Children are being raised without truth. Governments have turned their backs on God. Many who once proclaimed His name are now compromising with the world. The signs of the end are not hidden; they are clear before our eyes every single day. Yet, here is the question that strikes deeper: Is our calling shaping us for this moment?

Are we allowing the trials, challenges, and pain in our lives to prepare us for God's ultimate purpose? Our struggles are not without reason. Our tears serve a purpose. The betrayals we've faced, the loneliness we've endured, the rejection we have suffered, and the silent battles we've fought have all been moulding us, refining us, and preparing us for what is to come. God is actively preparing His chosen ones. He allows the fire to test us, the wilderness to teach us humility, and the storms to strengthen us. Why is this necessary? Because when the end comes, He will need a people who are unshakeable, steadfast, unwavering, and filled with His Spirit to bear witness to the very last breath of this world.

Do we not see that our presence in this specific generation is not just a random occurrence? We could have entered this world in any century, any time period, or any culture. Yet, God has positioned us here at this crucial point in history because our calling is intricately linked to His grand design. And His design is swiftly unfolding. Now, we need to consider whether we are in harmony with our purpose and calling or if we have become sidetracked or lost our way.

Are we chasing the fleeting shadows of this world while neglecting the eternal? The devil is sly. He doesn't always approach us with blatant hostility. Sometimes, he lures us into a state of complacency through comfort. He gently whispers, "You have plenty of time. You can fix your life later. Enjoy the present moment." Many are falling into this trap. They act as if tomorrow is guaranteed, when in truth, the trumpet could sound tonight. The end is nearer than most are ready to admit. The earth itself groans under the weight of sin. Nature is disintegrating. Wars are escalating, and deception has even crept into the house of God.

Yet those who accept their calling, those who possess an eternal vision, will stand firm and unshaken. They will rise with courage, knowing that their lives are not their own. They belong to the One who has marked them with His Spirit. But how do we prepare? How can we ensure that our calling is in harmony with God's ultimate plan? A crucial part of the answer is recognising that our calling is not about us. It is centered on Him. It does not focus on our comfort, our status, our reputation, or our accomplishments. It is about surrender. It means saying, "Lord, here I am; use me."

This could lead us to places and situations of rejection, where we encounter ridicule from others. It might thrust us into scenarios where we have to stand alone by ourselves. It may require us to give up everything we thought we wanted and desired. Yet, in letting go of those things, we gain the one thing that genuinely counts: God's approval.

For those who are pursuing their true calling, the end is not one of devastation. Instead, it signifies fulfillment. The end does not evoke fear; it symbolises victory. The end is not chaos, but rather the gateway to the eternal kingdom. However, this holds true only for those who are prepared. It is meant for those who have not buried their calling under the weight of compromise and laziness. This is why our struggles are meaningful. This is the reason our journey matters. This is why our calling is vital. Because God is not just preparing us for a temporary moment. He is getting us ready for eternity, and eternity is closer than we think. We cannot take this lightly; some of us have been avoiding our calling and feel deep within our spirit that God has placed something significant in our lives. Yet, some have delayed, ignored, or resisted it.

The time for delay has passed. The trumpet will not wait for us to be prepared. We need to get ready now. Some of us might feel weak. Some may ask, "Lord, how can I stand? I don't have enough strength. I stumble too often. I lack courage." God doesn't call those who are already equipped. Instead, He equips those He calls. Our weaknesses do not mark the end of our calling; they are the very areas where His strength will shine through. Do not look down on your weaknesses. Surrender them to Him and watch how He transforms them into strength and power for His purpose. God's plan is currently unfolding. Our calling serves as our preparation. The question that heaven is asking us right now is: Will we rise? Will we obey? Will we carry the torch of light until the very end? Let us once again focus on the reality that cannot be ignored. The signs of the end are not hidden. They are loud, clear, and unmistakable. When we open our eyes with spiritual insight, we cannot escape the truth that prophecy is coming to life right in front of us.

Let's stay focused on the fact that the true meaning of Advent is preparation—not merely getting our homes ready for holiday visitors but also getting our hearts ready for Christ's arrival. This season invites us to take a moment to pause amidst the busyness, reflect on His love, and anticipate His coming with hope.

Don't allow this December to slip by in a whirlwind of wrapping paper and stress. If we take the time to wait, to hope, and to prepare, we will discover that when Christmas morning finally arrives, we aren't just unwrapping gifts—we are honouring the King who has come to save.

Dear Lord Jesus, You have fulfilled Your promises across countless generations; help us to keep our hearts and minds focused on You:

Like Abraham, who followed You into a new future: help us to keep our eyes on You.

Like Moses, who relied on You to protect his people in the wilderness: help us to keep our eyes on You.

Like Deborah, who responded to Your call and guided her people: help us to keep our eyes on You.

Like Daniel, who remained faithful in the Lion's den: help us to keep our eyes on You.

Like Mary, Martha's sister, who chose to sit at Your feet and absorb Your wisdom: help us to keep our eyes on You.

Like Mary, who bore You, nurtured You, and watched over You: help us to keep our eyes on You.

Loving Lord Jesus, shield us from the worries and distractions of the world around us. Remind us of Your promise and calling in our lives, and above all, help us in keeping our eyes always focused on You through every situation and challenge we encounter.

Amen.

*As we prepare for the coming of our Savior, may you find quiet moments for reflection and renewed faith.
May our hearts be refreshed in the joy and wonder of this special season.
Have a beautiful and a blessed Advent.*

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