

## **Sunday 26th July, 2026**

### **Service for Swansea & Charlestown Presbyterian Church**

#### **Welcome & Prayer**

In Psalm 100: 5 we read “For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.” Let’s start with a time of prayer.

*Heavenly Father, we come before You today because you are the one true God, both the God who loves us, and the God who saves us. We confess that time and again we are guilty of letting you down, and for this we are sorry. We thank-you for the completed work of salvation through the death and resurrection of your son Jesus. We pray for your presence this morning and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit as we remove distractions, focus on your word, and grow in our faith. We pray all this in Jesus’ name, Amen.*

#### **Song – Ancient of Days** [\(1\) Ancient Of Days - Lyric Video - YouTube](#)

Blessing and honour, glory and power Be unto the Ancient of Days  
From every nation, all of creation Bow before the Ancient of Days  
Every tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory  
Every knee shall bow at Your throne in worship  
You will be exalted, oh God And Your kingdom shall not pass away  
Oh, Ancient of Days

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days For none can compare to Your  
matchless worth  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days

#### **Bible Reading – 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 (NIV)**

*Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, 2 not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. 3 Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. 4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God’s temple, proclaiming himself to be God. 5 Don’t you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?*

*6 And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. 7 For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendour of his coming. 9 The coming of the lawless one will be in*

*accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, 10 and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 11 For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie 12 and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.*

## Announcements

**Focus for the month:** Spiritual Growth. Its now time to get practical. Have you done anything about your spiritual growth this month? Repented of some sin or habit that has taken over? Changed your prayer routine perhaps? Come to Church more regularly? Made some decisions about your quiet times? Encouraged someone else in their walk with the Lord? Made some future resolutions that you hope to follow through. Growth doesn't happen by accident but only when you walk in the power of the holy Spirit towards a Godward goal.

**Morning Teas.** Many thanks to all the volunteers that help out with morning teas. Just a reminder of the new guidelines in how they will work for us in the new gathered space.

- Kids will be served their morning tea on a table at the end of the veranda
- It is preferred that this food is in single serve packaging or is plated in a way so as to prevent little hands touching all the food and so they will be less likely to spread germs to others.
- The kids eating there is to ensure they are not in the gathered space and so won't have access to the front doors where they might wander onto the road
- The adult's morning tea will be served on platters by the home group rostered on
- To speed up the tea and coffee process, sugar and milk can be set up on one of the stainless steel benches or one of the square brown tables.
- THRIVE kids are able to eat from the adult's morning tea
- There are some grey chairs available to those who would prefer to sit.

### Financial Update

- Budget offerings for June \$40,833
- Actual Offerings for June \$38,393
- Deficit for June \$2,440
- Deficit for Jan to June \$21,106

### Next preaching programme – Swansea/Charlestown AM.

2/82 Thessalonians 3As we wait

**A Taste of Africa** – Join us for delicious food and entertainment celebrating African culture and to raise money for the Mogra Children's Rescue Centre in Kenya. Sat 15 August at 6.30pm at church. \$20 adults, \$10 kids under 12 yrs and kids under 3 yrs free (includes a 3-course meal. Please chat to one of the organisers listed on the flyer if info is required about the menu). Tickets can be purchased via [charlestownpresbyterian.square.site](http://charlestownpresbyterian.square.site)  
- Limited seats so don't miss out!

**Audric is back on deck tomorrow**, after having two weeks of annual leave. We hope he and Sam Wilson (who has just finished three weeks annual leave) have had a good time to rest and relax.

**RECHARGE.** Recharge Men's Conference | Saturday 12th September 7:30am-1:00pm Theme – Futureproof Men: Living now with the end in mind. Speaker – Steve McAlpine. Early bird \$40 and under-25 \$20. For details see Greg W or visit <https://www.hgm.org.au/recharge>

**Grandparents Conference (if room)** <https://ngmlegacy.com.au/2026-conference/> Early bird in person \$78/pp closes 13/7/26 (\$98 thereafter). Online \$30 pp Come join us as we seek to encourage grandparents to grab hold of the possibilities that exist for seeing the generations that follow us, grow in health both spiritually and emotionally. Interested? See Logans 0438435991 or Smalls. Speakers: Rev Ian Barnett, Leigh Hatcher, Dr Bill Anscombe, Dr Leisa Aitken, Rev Dr Glenn Davies, Mark McCrindall

**Women's Conference | Saturday 19th September** (if room) 9:00am - 1:00pm Presbyterian Women are holding a conference at Epping Presbyterian on Meeting Jesus. More info <https://ttw.pcnswwomen.org.au> Our church will also play the recorded talks Saturday 17th October 9:00-1:00pm. See our Women's Ministry Committee members for more details.

## **Song – Who is on the Lords side** [Who is on the Lord's side \(BY St Michael's Singers\)](#) ([gospel hymn](#)) - [YouTube](#)

1. Who is on the Lord's side? Who will serve the King? Who will be His helpers, other lives to bring? Who will leave the world's side? Who will face the foe? Who is on the Lord's side? Who for Him will go? By Thy call of mercy, by Thy grace divine, We are on the Lord's side—Savior, we are Thine!
2. Jesus, Thou hast bought us, not with gold or gem, But with Thine own lifeblood, for Thy diadem; With Thy blessing filling each who comes to Thee, Thou hast made us willing, Thou hast made us free. By Thy grand redemption, by Thy grace divine, We are on the Lord's side—Savior, we are Thine!
3. Fierce may be the conflict, strong may be the foe, But the King's own army none can overthrow; 'Round His standard ranging, vict'ry is secure, For His truth unchanging makes the triumph sure. Joyfully enlisting, by Thy grace divine, We are on the Lord's side—Savior, we are Thine!
4. Chosen to be soldiers, in an alien land, Chosen, called, and faithful, for our Captain's band; In the service royal, let us not grow cold, Let us be right loyal, noble, true and bold. Master, wilt Thou keep us, by Thy grace divine, Always on the Lord's side—Savior, always Thine!

## **Pastoral Prayer Points**

**Pray for Morocco. (Population 39 million. Christians 37,400).** Christians risk arrest and interrogation and aren't allowed to gather in public. Women who convert to Christianity can face severe persecution from their families & community. Pray for them to find fellowship. Moroccan church leaders have expressed the need for leadership training and growth. Ask God to answer these needs. Pray that Christians will be wise and courageous as they live out their faith in Morocco.

**Pray for spiritual growth.** That we all would be serious about growing in faith, hope and love. That these qualities then would spill over to those we live with, work with, spend time with so that they too would want

to grow more and more like Jesus.

**Pray for Phoebe Baldwin (Quizworx)** Thank God for the South Coast tour. Pray for the upcoming Family of God shows and the Riverina tour. For each tour pray/thank God for the SRE teachers in the area, for shows that will connect well with the young people and that the work of Quizworx might be a blessing to those it reaches. Pray that Phoebe might reach the level of financial support she needs in the next fortnight to continue to work full time at Quizworx.

**Pray for Australians** to not just want to be physically fit but spiritually fit. *"For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."* (1 Timothy 4:18). It's great to see so many playing sports or going to the gym or running but it would be even greater for them to put a similar effort into their relationship with the Lord.

## **Bible Reading –2 Thessalonians 2:13-17**

*13 But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as first fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 14 He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. 16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, 17 encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.*

## **Sermon: Standing firm: When the end seems confusing (Stephen T)**

How will the world end? It's a question that fascinates us all. Popular movies, YouTube videos, social media will all tell you what they think will happen at the end of the world. Some say humanity will destroy itself through war. Others fear climate catastrophe. Some predict artificial intelligence will take over. Others point to pandemics, economic collapse, or political instability. Every generation has its theories about how everything will end.

And the people in the Church have their own theories. Entire books have been written trying to give us a timeline. To do that they try and identify the antichrist. Talk to us about the rapture. Speculate as to how current world events, especially those in the middle east, means that Jesus is about to come right now. And the Christians in Thessalonica were asking similar questions.

In fact, they were deeply troubled. False teachers had convinced them that the Day of the Lord had already arrived. They thought they had somehow missed God's plan. Their confidence was shaken. Their hearts were unsettled. Fear had replaced faith. If Jesus had already come who would stand by them when the end of the world actually ends?

And maybe we too are troubled as well. We live in confusing times. The world seems increasingly unstable. Technology changes rapidly. Right & wrong is shifting. Nations rise & fall. Every day brings another alarming headline. It's easy to become anxious about the future. Are we nearing the end of the world and if so, how am I going to cope with the trouble, the suffering, the pain that it will bring on? Will my faith be strong enough to cope?

But before we listen to what the world says about the end, or even what the church says about the end, we need to ask a more important question: What does God say? That's exactly what Paul does in 2 Thessalonians 2. He doesn't want us to be alarmed about the end of the world, he doesn't want us to be deceived by what is happening all around us, instead he wants to point us back to the sovereign God who rules over all history. And he does that by give us a 3-step plan as to how to stand firm in these confusing times.

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### **1. Don't be alarmed by false claims (verses 1-3)**

*"Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, 2 not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come."*

There are many false claims out there and even in here, in the Church. Prophecies. Preachers. Politicians. Pollsters. People who will use their popular platforms. We are swimming in it every day. And Paul here is telling the Christians of his time not to be unsettled or alarmed by such false claims or false teachers.

You see after Paul had established the Church and after he had been run out of town by the Jews, other itinerant preachers had come to their meetings. And they had told these young Christians that the day of the Lord had already come. That God had already sent Jesus to bring his people to himself. They had missed the boat, so to speak. So instead of trusting in God's plan A, they would have to wait for His Plan B, God's second best plan.

Now you can see how disturbing that would be, can't you? Maybe they weren't good enough Christians to have been saved by Jesus the first time? Maybe they had got a key doctrine in Christianity wrong, so what else had they also got wrong? Maybe, just maybe, God had forgotten about them. He had come and picked up all the other Christians and left them Home Alone, so to speak!

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Do you know something similar happened to the Jehovah's Witnesses in 1914? Their founder, Pastor Charles T. Russell, first taught that the world would end in 1874 and then when it didn't happen, he revised his calculations to 1914. When that year finished and nothing seemed to have happened, his successor Judge J.F. Rutherford asserted that Christ did in fact come on 1st October 1914, but invisibly. On that day he exchanged

an ordinary seat at the Father's right hand for the throne of his Kingdom. So, the JW's were to no longer look forward to Jesus second coming, for it had already taken place.

Friends, while we are waiting for the end of the world, the Bible repeatedly says there will come many false teachers. Who will show you their maps, diagrams, timetables on what will happen toward the end of the world. They will give you place names, dates, times, names of people and powers that will do this and do that, to warn you about the impending doom. But don't be deceived. Date setters are usually upsetters. The prophecies in the Bible are not for us to make a calendar, but to build character. These things are taught not to alarm God's people us but to comfort and encourage them.

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For it is good for us to be informed about the end of the world. But we do need to be aware that inside the Church and outside the Church there are people who think they know more about the end of the world than anyone else. God has only given us enough information so that we might always be ready, not so that we can accurately predict what will happen next.

So yes, we should be rightfully concerned about nuclear weapons, global warming, the current political situation and the use of AI but not so concerned that we forget that God's world will not end one second before God's allows it to end. The best safeguard is to keep going back to the Bible. Keep trusting in God's big picture. Realising that no one will know the day or the hour, except the Lord. So don't be alarmed by false claims and secondly

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### **1. Don't be deceived by evil powers (verses 3-12)**

*3 "Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion*

*occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. 4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God."*

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When British biologist and atheist Richard Dawkins wrote his best-selling book that was

designed to disprove the existence of God, he called it The God Delusion. He was saying that Christians are deluded, deceived to believe that there really is a God. But 2000 years before Dawkins's book, the apostle Paul, warns Christians not to be deluded into believing the lie that there is no God and that God will not come back for his people.

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Paul says we know that Jesus hasn't come yet, because before he is due to come, there will be a rebellion that will occur and that rebellion will be led by the man of lawlessness. A man who will defy all law, both the moral law and the civil law. But he is not just an anti-lawyer he is an enemy because he will oppose everything that

God stands for. He is also a Climber in that he will exalt himself over everything and everyone else, he will try to climb beyond his real position and make himself greater than who he really is.

He will even set himself up in God's temple and proclaim himself to be God! Now is that God's physical temple, which was destroyed in 70AD. If so, it will need to be rebuilt in Jerusalem before it is desecrated by this act of apostasy. More likely it is God's spiritual temple, the Church, which means the danger here is someone gaining such power within God's people that they claim Christ's position for themselves and seek to lead God's people to follow their own teaching and worship him instead of Jesus.

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How will he do that? 9 *"The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, 10 and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing."* The man of lawlessness will be a sort of counterfeit Christ. A counterfeit note succeeds because it resembles the genuine article. Nobody tries to pass off a counterfeit \$50 note that is bright pink with cartoon characters on it. The deception only works because it looks authentic at first glance. Only careful examination reveals the difference.

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Paul highlights this danger in 2 Thessalonians 2. The man of lawlessness will imitate aspects of Christ's coming. He will display power, signs, and wonders. He will attract followers. He will command allegiance. He will offer answers in a troubled world. Yet beneath the surface lies a fundamental difference: Christ exalts the Father, while the man of lawlessness exalts himself. Christ came to serve; the man of lawlessness comes to be served. Christ speaks the truth; the man of lawlessness thrives on deception.

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John Stott captures this well: *"The coming of Antichrist will be such a clever parody of the coming of Christ that many will be taken in by the satanic deception."*

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So, who is this man of lawlessness? For he certainly looks like the antichrist that 1 John 2:18 describes and the Beast that Revelation 13 talks about! Well as you can imagine, there is very little agreement on the answers to this question. Was he one of the Roman Emperors who lived just after Paul's time for example – Caligula, Nero, Domitian, who demanded their people's complete allegiance, even worship! Or is he the prophet Mohammad? The Pope perhaps? Hitler, Stalin? Every generation has had a crack at naming the man of lawlessness.

Maybe the best I can do is to say that all the evil leaders down through the centuries have been forerunners or anticipations of the final man of lawlessness. That he is yet to come but he will come. For what 2 Thessalonians is teaching us today is about the rebellion and then Paul goes on to talk about the restraint.

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6 *“And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. 7 For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.”* There will be a bumpy ride ahead! But in the meantime, Paul says we will live in a time of restraint. Someone or something is at work secretly holding back lawlessness, holding back evil, until the proper time. Once again, the lack of details has led to huge speculation about who or what is holding everything back. My guess is that it is the Holy Spirit. Yes, there is evil in our world, far too much evil. But God has reduced the amount of evil that lives amongst us. If God took his hand off the world it would be far, far worse than it is at present.

At present God is restraining the work of the evil one. And throughout Scripture it is the Holy Spirit that is the one who restrains evil and preserves good order in the world. And often he uses ordinary means like government. When governments function properly, they act as one instrument through which the Spirit limits the spread of evil in society. Even imperfect governments help restrain chaos, violence, and lawlessness through the laws they enact.

As well as using ordinary means to restrain evil the Holy Spirit uses the extraordinary means of the work of the church as it preaches the gospel. Through the preaching of God's Word, the Spirit convicts sinners, brings people to repentance, transforms hearts & unifies together Christ's church. Every conversion is an act of restraint against the kingdom of darkness. As the gospel advances, Satan's influence is pushed back and Christ's kingdom advances.

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It is a bit like a dam. The dam is holding back the water preventing it travelling downstream, only the overflow currently makes it through. But sometimes the authorities open up the flood gates and allow more of the water to travel on down. The Holy Spirit is like the flood gates, its holding back this huge, powerful, destructive force, but one day God will remove it and it will unleash its full fury.

This teaching provides great comfort. The world is not spiralling out of control. The Holy Spirit is actively restraining evil according to God's sovereign purpose, using both civil authorities and the faithful preaching of the gospel until Christ returns.

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That's the next stage, when Christ returns. 8 *“And then the lawless one will be revealed,*

*whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendour of his coming.”* We would expect that when Jesus returns, we would see the clash of the titans. Two heavy weight boxers going toe to toe for the ultimate prize – the ruling of the world. But it's a complete mismatch. An anticlimax. For Jesus wins. Easily. With just the opening of his mouth. All he has to do is turn up and Satan and his cohorts are defeated.

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Comprehensively. Think of a sandcastle building competition. The winner builds this enormous castle. With turrets, walls, a moat. It's incredibly impressive. But then the tide comes in and it immediately crumbles. The most powerful being at the end is not the Antichrist but the Christ. Not Satan but the Saviour. But not everyone will end up on the winning side.

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Some will *"perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 11 For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie 12 and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness."* Notice that Paul does not say those who will perish lacked information. He says they rejected the truth. You see the deepest human problem is not ignorance. It is rebellion. Its suppressing God's truth. But even when the truth is suppressed, God is still sovereign.

For behind the coming of anti-Christ and his lying miracles there is the power of Satan. But when God draws the curtain back a little further. Behind the power of Satan, behind even the lies and the deceptions of anti-Christ, behind it all stands the sovereign God Himself. Even at the moment when wickedness is at its peak, God's strong delusion, shows he is not a passive observer.

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Perhaps Paul is reminding us of what happened during the Exodus. The Egyptian Pharaoh hardened his heart to the plea of God's people. And yet we also hear throughout the account that God also hardened Pharaoh's heart. There is a tremendous mystery here.

But the bible says both of those things are true. Similarly here people refuse to love the truth. They delight in wickedness and deserve their condemnation. But at the very same time, God sends a delusion. Which means all at the same time the condemned deserve their condemnation, Satan's deception has achieved its aim & God still is in control of everything.

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Have you ever watched a game of doubles tennis? The players often talk to each other while hiding their mouth for they don't want their plans to be communicated to the other team. But here Paul is telling us what Satan plans to do next. Satan wants to alarm you with false teachers. He wants to deceive you through a false Christ, but God has told us his moves even before he makes them. Why? So, we can be ready. For he doesn't want us to

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### **1. Forget God's wonderful salvation (verses 13-17)**

*13 "But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as first fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth."*

At the very same time evil seems to be running rampant, that Satan is having a field day and all the gloves are off because God is knowing longer restraining what is going on. At that very same time, God is doing his work of salvation in his people. He has chosen his own. He is calling us through the gospel. He is loving us and showering on his sons and daughters his grace. He is giving us his eternal encouragement.

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Paul wants us to not lose confidence in God's saving purposes. Even when evil is everywhere, the gospel still saves & that salvation does a **sanctifying** work within us. These tough times, this man of lawlessness won't lead to a rise in evil amongst God's chosen people but an increase in their godliness. For God's Holy Spirit is doing his work in us while everything is going on around us.

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For this salvation sanctifies and it enables us to **share** in God's glory. 14 *"He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."* The man of lawlessness wants his followers to be more like him, **lawless**, but Jesus will help his followers to become more like him, **godly**. That will prepare us to not just to share Jesus righteousness but also to share in his glory. How amazing is that? And that will happen when Jesus comes again and takes us to the father. Sanctifying, sharing & then **strengthening**.

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16 *"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, 17 encourage your hearts & **strengthen you** in every good deed & word."* Paul prays that God's people might know God's encouragement and strength. God is in control. Using everything for his glory and our good. Nothing that happens to us is wasted. Everything is being used in God's recipe book to sanctify you, to strengthen you so that one day soon you will share in his glory. And that will help you and I **to stand firm**.

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15 *"So then, brothers and sisters, **stand firm** and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter."* This is the central command from this passage. Standing firm means remaining committed to Scripture when society moves in another direction. It means trusting God's promises when life is difficult. It means continuing to follow Christ when others abandon him. It means living for Jesus even if no one else will.

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So, friends, as the end approaches keep your eyes upon Jesus. Let's not be alarmed by what others are saying about the end of the world. Let's keep going back to the word of God and seeing there what is clear. That Jesus wins. Let's not be deceived when evil is on the rise. God has not lost control; his hand will never let us go. Instead turn your eyes upon Jesus. Remember the love of God the father. Trust in the power of the Holy Spirit. And stand firm in that truth. Hanging on to Him no matter what.

Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev used to tell of a time when there was a wave of petty theft in the Soviet Union. To curtail this the authorities put up guards around the factories. At one timber works in Leningrad, the guard knew the workers in the factory very well. The first evening, out came Pyotr Petrovich with a wheelbarrow and,

on the wheelbarrow, a great bulky sack with a suspicious-looking object inside. "All right, Petrovich," said the guard, "what have you got there?" "Oh, just sawdust and shavings," Petrovich replied.

"Come on," the guard said, "I wasn't born yesterday. Tip it out." And out came nothing but sawdust and shavings. So, he was allowed to put it all back again and go home. When the same thing happened every night of the week the guard became frustrated. Finally, his curiosity overcame his frustration. "Petrovich," he said, "I know you. Tell me what you're smuggling out of here, and I'll let you go." "Wheelbarrows, my friend" said Petrovich, "wheelbarrows."

Slide 26 Satan would like very much for you to get your eyes on the sawdust and lose track of the wheelbarrow. In the midst of the teaching about what is going to happen at the end, it is easy to be stuck on timetables, events, even on the man of lawlessness. But instead, we need to remember the gospel. God assures us of our salvation. He is even now sanctifying us and strengthening us for the task at hand. And one day those who love the truth will share in his glory. Let's ensure that includes you and I.

## Song – Turn your eyes [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plq\\_jJZviDs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plq_jJZviDs)

1. Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

1. Turn your eyes to the hillside  
Where justice and mercy embraced  
There the Son of God gave His life for us  
And our measureless debt was erased

Chorus: Jesus, to You we lift our eyes  
Jesus, our glory and our prize  
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

1. Turn your eyes to the morning  
And see Christ the Lion awake  
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone  
For we carry His life in our veins

Chorus: Jesus, to You we lift our eyes  
Jesus, our glory and our prize  
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

1. Turn your eyes to the heavens  
Our King will return for His own  
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout  
'All glory to Jesus alone!'

Chorus Jesus, to You we lift our eyes Jesus, our glory and our prize We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You Jesus, to You we lift our eyes Jesus, our glory and our prize We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true  
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