

**7. At His ascension, what assurance was given of Christ's return?**

"And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, You men of Galilee, why stand you gazing up into heaven? *this same \_\_\_\_\_, which is taken \_\_\_\_ from you into \_\_\_\_\_, shall so \_\_\_\_\_ in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven.*" **Acts 1:10-11**

**8. How ancient is this doctrine of Christ's coming?**

"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, *Behold, the \_\_\_\_\_ with ten \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_, to execute judgment upon all.*" **Jude 14-15**

**NOTE:** Seeking to cast reflection upon modern believers in the advent doctrine, a man in Hungary not long ago remarked to a colporteur of this faith that he had heard that the first Adventist preacher is still living. "Yes," replied the colporteur, "the first Adventist preacher is still living, yet the Adventist faith is thousands of years old. The Bible says that Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, preached the coming of Christ in glory and power, and Enoch is still living. He was translated to heaven without seeing death, and will never die."

**9. What was Job's confidence concerning Christ's coming?**

"For I know that my \_\_\_\_\_ lives, and that He shall stand at the \_\_\_\_\_ day upon the earth: . . . whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me." **Job 19:25-27**

**10. How does David speak of Christ's coming?**

"Our God shall \_\_\_\_\_, and shall not keep \_\_\_\_\_: a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about Him." **Psalms 50:3** "For He \_\_\_\_\_, for He cometh to judge the earth: He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth." **Psalms 96:13**

**11. How does Paul give expression to this hope?**

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_, the Lord Jesus Christ." **Philippians 3:20** "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious \_\_\_\_\_ of the great \_\_\_\_\_ and our Savior \_\_\_\_\_ Christ!" **Titus 2:13**

**12. What is Peter's testimony regarding it?**

"For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ, but were eye-witnesses of His majesty." **2 Peter 1:16**

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All Foundation Progressive Sabbath Advent Ministries (**FPSAM**), Inc. members will use the four pillars to establish and build their personal life and that of others.

#### SLOGAN

"Don't Accommodate Eliminate"

#### MOTTO

"Building on FOUR"

#### TEXT

"And Jesus increased in wisdom (Mental) and stature (Physical & Spiritual), and in favor with God (Spiritual) and man (Social)." **Luke 2:52**

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### 1. What promise did Christ make concerning His coming?

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, you will come, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." **John 14:1-3**

### 2. Following the signs of His coming, what did Christ say would take place?

"And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." **Luke 21:27**

### 3. Will the world be prepared to meet Him?

"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and *then shall all the* clouds of the earth gather together, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

**Matthew 24:30.** "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all the tribes of the earth shall weep because of Him." **Revelation 1:7**

### 4. Why will many not be prepared for this event?

"But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord is not here, and I have slept; and shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the lord of that servant shall come in day when he looks not for him. And in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." **Matthew 24:48-51**

### 5. What will the world be doing when Christ comes?

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the Flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the Flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

**Matthew 24:37-39** "Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they married and they were given in marriage; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." **Luke 17:28-30**

**NOTE:** The idea is, not that it is wrong in itself to eat, drink, marry, buy, sell, plant, or build, but that men's minds will be so taken up with these things that they will give little or no thought to the future life, and make no plans or preparation to meet Jesus when He comes.

### 6. Who is it that blinds men to the gospel of Christ?

"In whom the love of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." **2 Corinthians 4:4**

**NOTES:** "To my mind this precious doctrine-for such I must call it-of the return of the Lord to this earth is taught in the New Testament as clearly as any other doctrine in it; yet I was in the church fifteen or sixteen years before I ever heard a sermon on it. There is hardly any church that does not make a great deal of baptism; but in all of Paul's epistles I believe baptism is spoken of only thirteen times, while it speaks about the return of our Lord fifty times; and yet the church has had very little to say about it. Now I can see a reason for this. The devil does not want us to see this truth; for nothing would wake up the church so much. **The moment a man takes hold of the truth that Jesus Christ is coming back again to receive His followers to Himself, this world loses its hold on him.** Gas stocks, and water stocks, and stocks in banks and railroads are of very much consequence to him then. His heart is free, and he looks for the blessed appearing of his Lord, who, at His coming, will take him into His blessed kingdom." - **"The Second Coming of Christ," by D. L. Moody, pages 6, 7.**

"This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, *shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven*,' is the parting promise of Jesus to His disciples, communicated through the two men in white apparel, as a cloud received Him out of their sight. When after more than fifty years in glory He breaks the silence and speaks once more in the Revelation which He gave to His servant John, the post-ascension gospel which He sends opens with, '*Behold, He comes with clouds*,' and closes with, '*Surely I come quickly*.' Considering the solemn emphasis thus laid upon this doctrine, and considering the great prominence given to it throughout the teaching of our Lord and of His apostles, how was it that for the first five years of my pastoral life it had absolutely no place in my preaching? Undoubtedly, the reason lay in the lack of early instruction. Of all the sermons heard from childhood on, I do not remember listening to a single one upon this subject." - **"How Christ Came to Church," by A. J. Gordon, D.D., pages 44, 45.**