

Title: Focus on the return of Jesus

My family and I have been going through the book of Proverbs each morning. We're almost done! We began back in October of last year. We've missed some days, but we are slowly walking our way through five verses at a time. This past Tuesday, we discussed for a few minutes Proverbs 27:1: *"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth."*

We discussed how this passage is similar to James 4:13-15: *"Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit. Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. Instead, you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that.'"*

Our minds then turned to what Jesus said in Matthew 6:33-34: *"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."*

We were reminded about the uncertainty of tomorrow and the necessity of focusing on today. We can have all the plans in the world, but who knows if tomorrow will come. While it's necessary and important to plan for the future, it's also important to understand we don't know what a day may bring. This led us to discussing how can we stay focused even more on TODAY? How can we avoid living in the future and at times being overtaken with worry or fear about things that haven't happened yet, or that may never happen? We ended our discussion by speaking about the return of Jesus. The reality is, Jesus may come back today! This is why we need to focus on today and not tomorrow! The more we can focus on His return, the more we will be able to stay present in today. This week, focus on what Paul says in Philippians 3:20-21 and in 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10. Meditate on what the scriptures teach about His return. Today, focus on the return of Jesus. Let's stay prepared and eagerly await His return! What a joy it will be when He does!

- Benjamin Lee