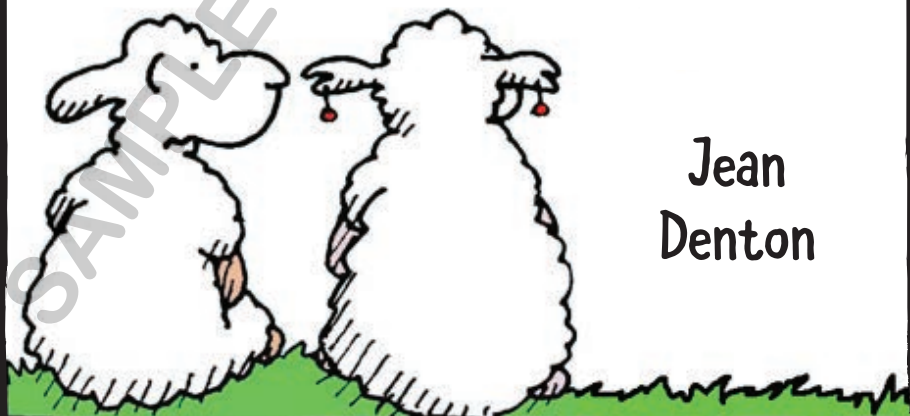


ADVENT WAITING

with the **FLOCK**

A Light Approach to the Serious Matter
of Preparing for the Coming of the Lord



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



“[Y]ou know what time it is,
how it is now the moment for you
to wake from sleep.

For salvation is nearer to us now
than when we became believers”

Romans 13:11

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

This week be watchful for evidence
of God around you
and for the action of God inside you.



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“[The LORD’s glory] will serve as a pavilion,
a shade by day from the heat,
and a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain..”

Isaiah 4:6

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

In difficult moments,
remember God is with you,
and trust in his promise
to save you from harm.



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“May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.”

Psalm 72:2

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Be compassionate and concerned
about others' needs
and you'll discover the peace that Jesus holds.



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“Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.”

Matthew 4:22

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

If you listen carefully,
you'll hear the Lord's call
in unexpected voices.



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“Open the gates,
so that the righteous nation
that keeps faith may enter in.”

Isaiah 26:2

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Ask yourself:

What have I done that separates me from God?

What must I change to turn back to him?



“Out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.”

Isaiah 29:18

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Look past the annoyances, frustrations, and pain
that block your view, and see the work of God's
hands that surrounds you.



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“Go rather to the lost sheep...
You received without payment;
give without payment.”

Matthew 10: 6,8

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Nourish your relationship with God and let it show, because one day someone else may become lost, and if they have no faith of their own, they'll need yours.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.”

Matthew 3:3

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

This week look for people, places, and situations that long for God’s presence. In the here and now, your own acts of love, compassion, and justice help prepare for Christ’s coming.



“Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
‘Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God...
He will come and save you.”

Isaiah 35:4

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Be a model of forgiveness showing how God waits with open arms to embrace those who have failed.



“In the wilderness
prepare the way of the LORD.”

Isaiah 40:3

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Don't avoid the “deserts” you encounter
in your everyday experience,
for surely God is right there in the thick of things.



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“I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Imagine yourself throughout this day
being held in God's hand.



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"You have found favor with God."

Luke 1:30

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Think of ways God has shown you his favor,
and celebrate in giving him praise.



“I am the LORD your God,
who teaches you for your own good,
who leads you in the way you should go.”

Isaiah 48:17

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The Golden Rule is a prescription for peace:
Do unto others as you would have them
do unto you.



“Then Elijah arose, a prophet like fire,
and his word burned like a torch.”

Sirach 48:1

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Give extra consideration to words
that arouse a sense of yearning in your heart.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



“The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.”

Matthew 11:5

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

This week pray for the courage to make a difference in the lives of people around you who are in need.



“Here am I, the servant of the Lord;
let it be with me according to your word.”

Luke 1:38

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

You, too, have been uniquely chosen by God.
Recognize your gifts and be open
to what he asks of you.

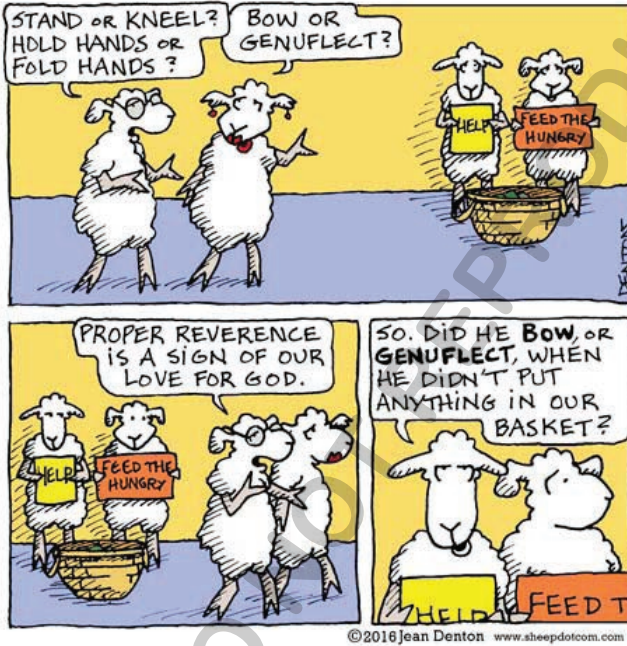


“For I will leave in the midst of you
a people humble and lowly...
they shall do no wrong and utter no lies.”

Zephaniah 3:12-13

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Living according to the Gospel is counter-cultural.
Hold fast to what you know is loving and good.



“There is no other god besides me,
a righteous God and a Savior;
there is no one besides me.”

Isaiah 45:21-22

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Jesus reveals God. Observe God, and remember he made you in his image, not the other way around.

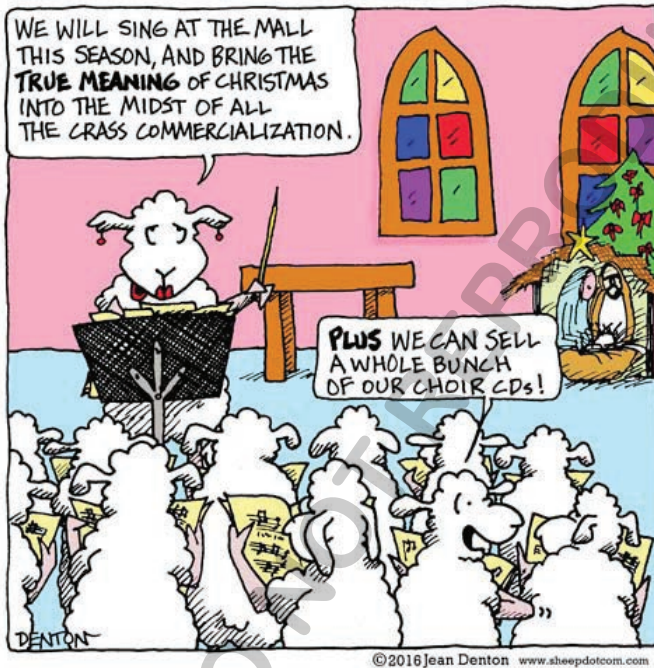


“What did you go out
into the wilderness to look at?
A reed shaken by the wind?”

Luke 7:24

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Take a hard look at the person of Jesus,
then ask him to fill your empty places with his life.



“The very works that I am doing,
testify on my behalf
that the Father has sent me.”

John 5:36

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

In matters of faith, walking the walk
speaks louder than talking the talk.



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“Your father’s sons
shall bow down before you.”

Genesis 49:8

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Strive to be worthy – and humble –
in your role as an adopted child
of a just and loving God.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



“They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means, ‘God is with us.’”

Matthew 1:23

ADVENT THOUGHT FOR TODAY

God is indeed with us.
This week, be joyful and prayerful,
celebrating that his saving acts are for you.

CHRISTMAS DAY



*A very blessed
Christmas to you!*

Bring the Flock to your bulletin or social media site every week with The Sunday Flock, and be sure to invite them back for every day of Lent with Feeling Sheepish? A Lenten Experience.

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