

A WELL OF JOY FOR ADVENTING

ECC 2:1-9; ISA 12:1-6; LK 2:8-20; PS 30:11-12; ZPH 3:14-20

INTRODUCTION:

Hungry, Angry, Lonely, or Tired



☪ Jesus came to rescue us from a _____ life of sin. (*ECC 2:1-9*)

- A. Our pursuit of sin results in great _____. (*ISA 1:4; PRV 13:15*)
- We all enter the world in _____ with God's holiness. (*ROM 3:10-12, 23*)
 - We are all searching for _____ and purpose.
 - The things we try to fill up on are fleeting, hollow, and _____. (*JER 2:13*)
 - Pursuing other gods keeps from a _____ with God. (*EX 20:3*)
 - God is _____ for us. (*EX 34:14; ISA 12:1*)
 - He is rightfully _____ over our rebellion.
 - He would much rather _____ us than continue to discipline us.
 - God turns toward us. (*ROM 5:8*)
- B. God's pursuit of us may result in great _____. (*ISA 12:1, 4; LK 2:10-11; PS 30:11-12; JN 16:20, 22*)
- When God _____ our salvation, a **change** occurs.
 - When our sorrow is lifted, _____ erupts.
 - Now, the Holy One can live _____ – individually and corporately. (*JN 16:20, 22, 24; ZPH 3:15, 17*)

CONCLUSIONS:

This Advent season (2024), we will

- _____ the false gods that have captivated our attention
- _____ to the Holy Spirit's conviction
- _____ of our rebellion against a holy God
- _____ water and _____ from the well of salvation again
- _____ to the presence of Jesus to find our intended joy
- _____ the God who saves us in spirit and in truth