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**“Who Owns The Cloud: Google or God?”**  
**(Luke 21:25-36)**

Today’s lesson is a little unsettling. In it Christ seems to be describing the end of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Clouds are the biblical symbol of \_\_\_\_\_ and of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

In today’s world we associate the cloud with our \_\_\_\_\_.

According to a 2012 national survey, “most respondents believe the cloud is related to \_\_\_\_\_.

**#1. – Christians ought to be excited about the \_\_\_\_\_.**

The Christian life is a \_\_\_\_\_ life, an expectant life.

It is a life lived in anticipation that the \_\_\_\_\_ of God will be fulfilled.

People are always looking for \_\_\_\_\_ concerning Christ’s return.

We don’t know the time of Christ’s return, but we live in \_\_\_\_\_, and hope of Advent, that God will do a good work, that God \_\_\_\_\_ his promises!

**#2. – We live in anticipation because we know God does not \_\_\_\_\_ His own.**

Much of the New Testament was written during the time of terrible \_\_\_\_\_.

To be a Christian believer was a test of real \_\_\_\_\_ and endurance.

During this special season of Advent, our Jewish friends will be celebrating \_\_\_\_\_.

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God’s people have always taken comfort in the knowledge that whenever life grows uncertain, dangerous, or \_\_\_\_\_, we can look to the clouds. He does not forget or \_\_\_\_\_ us!

Ours is an expectant life, \_\_\_\_\_ for the promises of God to be \_\_\_\_\_, remembering that God does not forsake his own.

**#3. – Advent reminds us that the \_\_\_\_\_ is already ours.**

Theologians speak of \_\_\_\_\_ eschatology. That means we can live now in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ’s final victory, even though it is yet to be won.

We live in a “God-\_\_\_\_\_” world. Even though the final victory has yet to be won, we live in \_\_\_\_\_, and in hope and \_\_\_\_\_.

So, \_\_\_\_\_ is here. Let the watch begin!

It won’t be Google’s cloud or Amazon’s cloud. It will be God’s cloud!

That’s the Hope of Advent, which we cling to!