HOPE OF THE AGES



centering

"Being centered means that you have a reference point or a place to come back to when life's challenges and emotions push you off balance.

The center is the place you know you have to get back to."

-psychologytoday.com



"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up into heaven? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you have seen him going into heaven." Acts 1:11 CSB

"Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the peoples of the earth will mourn; and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Matthew 24:30 CSB

He who
testifies about
these things says,
"Yes, I am coming soon."
Amen! Come,
Lord Jesus!

Revelation 22:20 CSB

"Blessed is that servant whom the master finds doing his job when he comes." v24:46

"Therefore be alert, because you don't know either the day or the hour."
v25:13

"After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them."

v25:19

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate them one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."

Matthew 25:31-32 CSB

"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap."

Luke 21:34 ESV

kraipale
"a shooting pain
or a confusion
in the head"
from drinking
-Zodhiates

merimna from merizo, "to draw in different directions, distract"

within the first few months of the pandemic

Nielsen reported a 54% increase in alcohol sales JAMA RAND reported a 19% increase in alcohol use for adults 30-59 JAMA

women in the RAND survey reported a 41% increase in "heavy drinking"

the CDC
reported that
13% of Americans
started or
increased
substance use
APA

"the early months of the pandemic brought an 18% increase nationwide in overdoses"

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anomia
to behave with
disregard for
law, whether
the laws of God
or of society

"Because lawlessness will multiply, the love of many will grow cold." Matthew 24:12 CSB



