

8-30-2026 Sunday Sermon Message  
This Week's Meditation: Psalm 91:1-16

Text: Romans 8:19-25

Scripture Title: **Why Do the Creatures Eagerly Await Our Day of Rapture?**

The Apostle Paul testified that the creatures were waiting for the appearance of God's sons. The day when the sons of God appear refers to the day of the rapture, when the Lord Jesus Christ appears in the air to bring His bride, the church, to heaven.

Then, why do creatures so desperately wait for Christ to appear for God's church? The Bible says the following about the reason:

**"For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,**  
**<sup>21</sup> Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."**(Romans 8:20-21)

The Bible says that on the day of the rapture when Christ comes to take the church, the bodies of God's sons will be adorned with glorious bodies that do not die or perish:

**"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,**

**<sup>52</sup> In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**

**<sup>53</sup> For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."**(1 Corinthians 15:51-53)

On the day of the rapture, when God's children put on glorious bodies, all creatures will be freed from the bondage of decay and will wear imperishable bodies. What an incredible statement that is! They eagerly wait for that day because they believe they too will be transformed into glorious bodies that God's children will receive.

Thus, all creation has been groaning together and suffering in decay, and even God's children who have received the Holy Spirit are living in groaning in the sinful world, eagerly awaiting the day when Christ will appear and transform mortal and corruptible bodies to become glorious bodies.

However, even if all the creatures are transformed into incorruptible bodies, they will not ascend to heaven like God's children. However, they will enjoy the glory of living there

when Christ, who returns to the earth after the great tribulation, establishes the millennial kingdom.

However, those who are not saved and not raptured enter into the great tribulation ruled by the Antichrist and suffer immense suffering. This is because they cannot receive the glory that all creation enjoys.

Therefore, the Apostle Paul testified that God's children must live earnestly waiting for that day, just like other creatures in hope:

**"For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?"**

**<sup>25</sup> But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it."(Romans 8:24-25)**

However, in these last days, there are so many people in the church who do not realize the hope of the rapture, and there are actually many who mock those who have this hope. The Apostle Paul testified about the reward given to those who long for the day of the rapture:

**"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:**

**<sup>8</sup> Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me**

**only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."(2 Timothy 4:7-8)**

The Apostle Peter prophesied that in the last days, those who mock Christ's return would appear:

**" Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,**

**<sup>4</sup> And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.**

**<sup>5</sup> For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:**

**<sup>6</sup> Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:**

**<sup>7</sup> But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."(2 Peter 3:3-7)**

**Amen! Hallelujah!**