《天路导向》双语讲义

耶稣降生的目的 - 1 PURPOSE OF ADVENT - 1

SECTION A

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- 1. Hello, listening friends. 亲爱的朋友,你好。
- 2. Thank you for tuning in to this brand new series of messages; 感谢你收听这一个新的系列信息:
- and we're going to talk about the coming of Jesus Christ.
 在这个系列当中,我们要讲到耶稣基督的降临。
- 4. Jesus was not just a Prophet who was born and, then, later called to be the Messiah. 耶稣不仅仅是一位曾经活在世上,被称为弥赛亚的先知而已。
- 5. No, Jesus came from Heaven; 不是这样的,耶稣乃是从天而来;
- 6. and that is why His birth was prophesied hundreds of years before He was born. 所以,在祂降临好几百年以前,先知老早就预言到祂将要生在这个世界上。
- 7. That is why the coming of Christ is at the center of Christianity. 这就是为什么基督的降临成为基督教核心的原因。
- 8. Advent is the heart of the Scripture. 基督降临是圣经的中心。
- 9. Advent is God's method of dealing with the human race. 基督降临成为神解决人类问题的唯一方法。
- 10. History moved toward the advent of Christ until it was accomplished; 历史朝向基督的降临一步步迈进,直到实现了;
- 11. and, in Him, history itself found its fulfillment and explanation.
 而且,从耶稣基督身上,我们才明白历史的意义和目的。
- 12. The message of the Prophets, 先知的信息,

- 13. the songs of the psalmists, 诗人笔下的诗词,
- 14. they all came into their final crescendo announcing the birth of Jesus Christ. 他们所强调的,就是要宣告耶稣基督的降临。
- 15. From that advent of Christ, all subsequent movements have proceeded. 耶稣的降临带动了历史的进程,
- 16. The Old Testament theme was "Christ is coming into the world." 旧约圣经的信息主题就是"基督将要降临在世界上。"
- 17. It is vitally important, therefore, to understand the purpose of Advent. 所以,了解基督降临的意义是非常重要的。
- 18. Why did Christ come from Heaven? 基督为何从天而降?
- 19. First, 首先,
- 20. He came to destroy the works of the devil. 祂来要摧毀魔鬼的工作。
- 21. Secondly, 第二,
- 22. to eliminate the power of sin. 祂来要消灭罪的势力。
- 23. Thirdly, 第三,
- 24. to reveal the Father; 池要向人彰显父神的荣耀;
- 25. and, fourthly, 第四,
- 26. He came to lay the foundation for the Second Advent.
 为祂第二次的降临奠定基础。
- 27. You can state them backward, 无所谓前后次序,
- 28. you can change them around, 随便我们怎么说,

- 29. but these truths are the four foundations of the purpose of Advent: 总之,以上这四点就是耶稣降临的四大目的:
- 30. destroying the work of the devil, 也就是,摧毀魔鬼的工作,
- 31. taking away sin, 除去罪恶的势力,
- 32. revealing the face of the Father, 彰显天父的面貌,
- 33. and moving the Kingship of God toward consummation.
 彻底实现神国的王权。
- 34. Let's today look at the first purpose of Advent, 今天我们就专门探讨耶稣降临的第一个目的,
- 35. namely, to destroy the works of the devil. 也就是摧毀魔鬼的作为。
- 36. The enemy, here, is described as the "devil." 我们所指的仇敌,就是魔鬼。
- 37. In the Gospel according to John, Chapter 8, 在约翰福音第八章,
- 38. Jesus said that the devil is a murderer from the beginning; he is a liar. 耶稣说,从起初开始,魔鬼就是杀人和撒谎的。
- 39. Later on, we are told that the devil put it into the heart of Judas to betray Christ. 后来,我们看到,魔鬼撒但把出卖耶稣的意念放到犹大心里。
- 40. What kind of a person is this devil? 那么,撒但到底是个怎样的人物呢?
- 41. He is a murderer. 他是个杀人犯,
- 42. He is a liar. 他是说谎的,
- 43. He is a betrayer, 他是个叛徒,
- 44. and the fountainhead of sin and lawlessness. 是一切犯罪和不守真理的根源。
- 45. What about his work? 他干了些什么事呢?
- 46. His work is that of murder and destruction of life. 他专门干杀人和毁坏生命的勾当。

- 47. His work is that of being a liar and the extinguisher of light.
 他的工作就是撒谎,并带来黑暗。
- 48. His work is being a betrayer, 他专门出卖人,
- 49. which is a violation of love. 破坏真爱。
- 50. His work is lawlessness, 它不认识真理,
- 51. which is breaking and destroying the Law. 违法乱纪。
- 52. These are the works of the devil. 这就是魔鬼撒但的工作,
- 53. As a murderer, he is not satisfied with only destroying physical life, 这个凶手,不仅要毁掉一个人肉体的生命,
- 54. but his great desire is to destroy life eternally. 他一心一意要把人推进永恒的灭亡里。
- 55. His main work is to keep men and women alienated from God.他主要的工作就是要让人远离神。
- 56. His biggest preoccupation is to keep men and women spiritually blind so they cannot know God.
 他处心积虑地要弄瞎人心灵的眼睛,以至于不能认识神。
- 57. He will tell them that it is fine to be religious, but you cannot know God personally. 他迷惑人说,你可以作一个教徒,但却不可以和神建立密切的关系。
- 58. The devil knows that he cannot keep religion out of the world altogether; 撒但明白,从世上消除宗教观念是不可能的:
- 59. so, he deceives people into being religious, but not lovers of God.因此,他就欺骗人们,可以接受宗教,却不要爱神。
- 60. On a physical realm, 归根结底,
- 61. all the diseases, the pain and the hurt of the world, 世界上一切的疾病和痛苦,
- 62. they are ultimately the result of sin and are among the works of the devil. 都是撒但所带来的罪而引起的后果。

- 63. The Greek word for "murderer" literally means a "slayer of men;" 在希腊文当中,"凶手" 就是"杀人犯";
- 64. so the devil's ultimate desire is to slay us spiritually; 因此,撒但最终的目的,就是要让我们的灵性死亡;
- 65. also, to slay us mentally 同时,也摧毁我们的理性,
- 66. by blinding men and women toward God. 让我们看不见神的存在。
- 67. He slays us physically 他伤害我们的身体,
- 68. by bringing all manner of disease and death; 使我们患各种疾病,甚至死亡;
- 69. but he is more than all of that. 不仅如此。
- 70. He is a liar. 他也是个欺骗者,
- 71. When a person lies, that person operates in secret.
 当一个人撒谎的时候,他就会鬼鬼祟祟。
- 72. He operates in darkness. 在暗处动手脚。
- 73. Once a lie is exposed to the light, 谎言一旦被拆穿,
- 74. it is no longer a secret; 事情就会真相大白;
- 75. so, what Satan does is extinguish the light so that people stumble along the way. 所以,撒但千方百计地阻止光照进人心里,这样,人们就很轻易地被绊倒。
- 76. My listening friend, please listen carefully. 我亲爱的朋友,请仔细听我说。
- 77. All ignorance, 一切的愚昧,
- 78. all despair, 一切的绝望,
- 79. all wandering over the trackless desert of life, 生命中一切的迷失和彷惶,
- 80. are all due to the extinguishing of light. 都是因为人里头的光昏暗了。
- 81. The liar is the one who brings darkness into a situation.
 斯骗者魔鬼就是形成黑暗的罪魁祸首。

- 82. Thirdly, his work is a betrayer. 第三,撒但是一个叛徒。
- 83. We see it in the way he entered into the heart of Judas and planted the seed of betrayal. 我们从犹大身上可以看出,当撒但进入他心里的时候,他就起了出卖耶稣的念头。
- 84. For three years, Judas looked like a Disciple. 三年以来,犹大看起来和其他门徒没什么两样。
- 85. He acted like a Disciple; 他的所作所为也很像一个门徒;
- 86. but, in reality, he had a private agenda. 但事实上,他有私心。
- 87. He wanted Jesus to get involved with the Zealots.
 他想让耶稣加入狂热份子的组织里。
- 88. They were the revolutionary party that wanted to overthrow the Roman authority; 他们是企图推翻罗马政权的革命党;
- 89. and, when Jesus refused to get involved in politics, 当耶稣拒绝和政治有瓜葛时,
- 90. Judas became bitter. 犹大恼羞成怒,
- 91. Judas became angry, 犹大气愤填胸,
- 92. and Satan took advantage of that and planted the seed of betrayal; 撒但乘虚而入,把出卖耶稣的意念放到了犹大心里;
- 93. but, my listening friend, 可是,我亲爱的朋友,
- 94. Satan does the same thing today. 撒但今天的工作也不例外。
- 95. He plants the seed of betrayal-他还在播撒叛逆的种子——
- 96. betrayal between husbands and wives, 让夫妻之间互相背叛,
- 97. betrayal between two brothers in Christ, 让主内的肢体彼此相斗,
- 98. betrayal between family members. 在家人中间挑起争端,
- 99. In the case of a married couple, for example, 比如说,夫妻之间,

SECTION B

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- 1. when an argument develops that isn't resolved, what happens?
 —旦他们有了争论,互不相让的时候,有什么事情会发生呢?
- 2. Satan comes to one of the spouses and says, 撒但就会来到他们心里,说:
- 3. "Your spouse is not fair to you. "他这样对待你,是不公平的,
- 4. You deserve better than this." 你完全可以得到更好的待遇。"
- 5. At that point, Satan provides you with an opportunity to betray your marriage vows. 就在这时,撒但会给你提供一个背叛婚约的机会。
- 6. The problem is that we are often too blind to see Satan's schemes. 问题是,我们往往看不清撒但的诡计。
- 7. What is the work of the devil? 撒但的工作表现在哪些方面呢?
- 8. All jealousy, 一切的猜疑,
- 9. all cruelty, 残酷,
- 10. all envy, 嫉妒,
- 11. all strife. 争兢。
- 12. They are all the work of the devil; 这都是魔鬼的作为;
- 13. but Jesus came to destroy all of this. 然而,耶稣来就是为了摧毁魔鬼的作为。
- 14. That is why Jesus gave us the formula of how to overcome the devil. 这就是为什么耶稣告诉我们,如何才能战胜魔鬼的方法。
- 15. That is why Jesus commanded us to overcome Satan's works.

 所以,耶稣要求我们要胜过撒但的作为。
- 16. When jealousy begins to take hold of you, 当嫉恨控制你的时候,
- 17. when resentment begins to raise its ugly head, 当你怀恨在心,火冒三丈的时候,

- 18. stop right then and pray. 要立刻停下来祷告。
- 19. It is a liberating experience to pray for your enemies, 为仇敌祷告是让你得到解脱的最好办法,
- 20. and to bless your persecutors. 并且要为那逼迫你的人祝福。
- 21. Do you know what it means to pray for your enemy and bless your persecutors? 你明白,什么才是为仇敌祷告,为那逼迫你的人祝福吗?
- 22. It means that you are entrusting them to God's justice; 这就是说,你要把这件事情交托给神,让神来主持公道;
- 23. and do you know what that is like? 你知道那是什么意思吗?
- 24. Although God's justice might not be evident immediately, 即使神的公义没有立刻彰显,
- 25. but God's justice is far more severe than human justice; 但是,神的判断要比人的审判严厉得多;
- 26. and, when you trust God to bring justice, 假如你信得过神必定施行公义,
- 27. you will have peace in your life. 你心里就会有平安。
- 28. Oh, yes, Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil.
 不错,耶稣来就是为了要消灭撒但的作为。
- 29. Finally, Satan is the man of lawlessness. 最后一点,撒但是无法无天的,
- 30. Now, this does not mean being without law; 这并不是说,撒但没有神的律法;
- 31. it means being against the law. 而是说,他专门和律法作对。
- 32. It means being a lawbreaker; 也就是说,他是破坏律法的;
- 33. so that all the wrong that is done in the world, 因此,这世上一切罪恶的勾当,
- 34. whether it is done toward God or toward people,

 不论是得罪神还是得罪人的,
- 35. are all the works of the devil; 都是撒但的诡计;

- 36. so, the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil. 因此,神的儿子降世为人,为要摧毁魔鬼的作为。
- 37. Not only restrain sin, 不但要遏制罪的蔓延,
- 38. but root it out and break it down. 更要把罪连根拔起,彻底消灭掉。
- 39. Not just limit sin, 不仅是要限制罪恶横行,
- 40. not just alleviating sin, 不仅是要缓和罪的伤害,
- 41. not just neutralizing sin, 不仅是要解除罪恶的势力,
- 42. but to destroy it. 而是要彻底歼灭它。
- 43. Advent was not merely the birth of a little child who will be a model man, 基督降临不仅仅是一个孩子的诞生,而这个小孩后来成为人类的楷模,
- 44. but there is more to it than that. 其意义不仅于此而已,
- 45. Advent is God Himself destroying the works of the devil. 基督降临乃是,神要亲自来消灭魔鬼的作为。
- 46. You say, "What does that mean—to destroy?" 也许你会问: "消灭是什么意思呢?"
- 47. It means to "dissolve" or to "loosen." 消灭就是"解体"或者"瓦解"的意思,
- 48. It means that which had been a consistent whole was broken up and scattered and wrecked.
 也就是说,把那原本顽强的,整个砸碎、瓦解和毁坏。
- 49. Jesus' advent was to loosen the consistency of the grip of the works of the devil. 耶稣降临就是要粉碎撒但的作为。
- 50. The cohesive forces that made the devil's work strong 撒但邪恶的势力——
- 51. Jesus broke them up. 被耶稣彻底粉碎了。
- 52. Jesus came to destroy hatred through the gift of love.
 耶稣用爱消解了仇恨,

- 53. Jesus came to destroy lawlessness by the gift of obedience to the Lord. 耶稣用顺服摧毁了叛逆。
- 54. Jesus came to loosen, to break up and to destroy the negatives which mar and spoil; 耶稣来瓦解、打碎并消除了一切恶势力所带来的污染和腐败;
- 55. and He did this by bringing the positive that makes and uplifts.

 祂的来临重建和修复了我们。
- 56. Jesus came to destroy death by the gift of eternal life, 耶稣来消灭了死的权势,带来永生,
- 57. for Jesus said in the Gospel of John, 因为, 耶稣在约翰福音里告诉我们,
- 58. "...for this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God." "认识你独一的真神,并且认识你所差来的耶稣基督,这就是永生。"
- 59. This gift of eternal life destroys death. 这永生消灭了死亡。
- 60. That is why Paul could say, 因此保罗说,
- 61. "Oh, death, where is your sting?" "死啊,你的毒钩在哪里?"
- 62. So, Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil by giving us the gift of eternal life. 所以说,耶稣来就是要摧毁撒但的作为,带给我们永远的生命。
- 63. As for darkness, it no longer has a hold over us. 黑暗再也不能控制我们。
- 64. The Light of the Word of God is here to guide us. 神话语的真光要照亮我们,引导我们。
- 65. The Light of the Holy Spirit leads us into all truth.

 圣灵要引领我们进入一切的真理。
- 66. As for hatred, Jesus destroyed hatred by His gift of love. 主耶稣要用祂无限的大爱消灭一切的仇恨。
- 67. I'm sure some of you are probably asking, 也许你会问:
- 68. "If this is the case, why do we still have crime and violence and hatred? "假如是这样的话,为什么世上还有罪犯、暴力和仇恨呢?

- 69. Why do we have hatred and prejudice and pride and wickedness?"
 为什么还有憎恨、偏见、骄傲和邪恶呢?"
- 70. Well, you have not seen what it was like 2,000 years before Christ. 其实你还没见过在耶稣降临之前 2000 年的情况呢!
- 71. It was far worse. 那时候的状况简直是糟糕透了。
- 72. True, we see the works of the devil all around us still;
 不错,我们看到撒但仍然很猖獗;
- 73. but we also see victories over his work all over this world. 但是,在世界各地,我们也看到,神的确战胜了撒但的权势。
- 74. We believers have victory over Satan and sin here on the earth, 在世界上,许多基督徒都能战胜撒但和罪恶,
- 75. which was impossible before Christ; 这在主耶稣降临之前是不可能的;
- 76. but we will have complete victory after his Second Coming. 然而,当主耶稣再次降临时,我们将会完全得胜。
- 77. The victory we are experiencing now is only the beginning. 我们现在所取得的胜利仅仅是个开始。
- 78. The ultimate victory is coming. 最终的胜利还在后面。
- 79. It is dawn right now, 现在是黎明时分,
- 80. but bright sunshine is coming. 灿烂的阳光就要普照大地。
- 81. It is not very visible now, 虽然现在还不大明显,
- 82. but the brightness of the Son is on its way; 但是,神儿子的荣光就要照亮大地;
- 83. and, there, we shall see Jesus as He is: 那时候,我们要亲眼看见祂荣耀的本相;
- 84. but the question is, are you ready? 问题是,你预备好迎见祂了吗?

- 85. Are you sure, if Jesus Christ comes back today, that you will be with Him? 如果耶稣今天回来,你有把握能永远与祂同在吗?
- 86. Are you sure that, if you were to die right now, you will be in His presence? 假如你今天离开世界,你有把握到主耶稣那里去吗?
- 87. You can have that assurance today. 今天,你就可以得着这凭据。
- 88. Ask God to forgive you of your sins 只要你求神饶恕你一切的罪,
- 89. and invite His Son, Jesus Christ, to be the Lord of your life, 并邀请神的儿子耶稣基督进入你心中,成为你生命之主,
- 90. and He promised to accept your invitation; 祂应许必定接受你的邀请;
- 91. and we hope that you'll write to us and tell us that you've invited Christ into your life. 盼望你能够来信,告诉我们你如何接受主耶稣。
- 92. Until next time, I wish you God's richest blessing. 好,我们下次节目再见,愿神大大赐福给你。