

# Daniel Adams: 8 Biblical Ways to Prepare While Waiting on a Prophetic Word

Secretary of State Marco Rubio spends his days helping shape American foreign policy while navigating wars, hostage negotiations and global crises. Yet during a recent interview with Pastor Greg Laurie, the conversation focused less on geopolitics than on the Gospel, the return of Jesus Christ and the hope Christians have in Him.

Laurie praised Rubio's remarks during the memorial service for Charlie Kirk, saying they clearly communicated the heart of the Christian faith.

"I thought you did a better job presenting the gospel than some preachers I've heard," Laurie told Rubio. "It was theologically accurate, it was passionate, and it was also understandable."

Rubio responded that he spoke from the heart.

"I think these things always come best from the heart," he said.

## 'God Took on the Form of a Man'

Rubio recalled the message he shared at Kirk's memorial, beginning with humanity's creation and the entrance of sin into the world.

"His deep belief that we were all created, every single one of us, before the beginning of time by the hands of the God of the universe, an all-powerful God who loved us and created us for the purpose of living with Him in eternity."

“But then sin entered the world and separated us from our creator.”

“And so God took on the form of a man and came down and lived among us.”

“And He suffered like men. And He died like a man. But on the third day, He rose unlike any mortal man.”

Rubio emphasized the physical resurrection of Christ.

“He didn’t rise as a ghost or as a spirit, but as flesh.”

He concluded by pointing to Christ’s promised return.

“And then He rose to heaven, but He promised He would return. And He will.”

## **‘Christians Should Never Live in Fear’**

Laurie later asked Rubio how he handles the enormous responsibility of serving as secretary of state while facing increasingly unstable world events.

Rubio said Christians have a unique reason to live without fear.

“Of all the faiths in the world, and I’m not prejudging or criticizing anybody, but of all the faiths in the world, the ones who should never live in fear or the ones who should never live in worry that becomes paralyzing are Christians because we know how it ends.”

He compared the Christian life to watching a movie whose ending is already known.

“You know how it ends. You know the lead character survives, but nonetheless, you still get nervous every time you see it.”

Rubio then pointed to the promises found in Scripture.

“We know that at the end of time there’ll be a new heaven and a new earth and that Jesus will return.”

He acknowledged that difficult days will come before Christ returns but reminded believers of the certainty of God’s promises.



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“We know how the movie ends. We know how the story ends.”

“We don’t know when it ends. We can’t detail exactly how that’s going to play out, but we know generally the thematic of it and the thematic of it is victory and the restoration of what we should have been from the very beginning.”

Rubio also reflected on why death exists.

“We were not... death is not a natural... it’s natural because it entered into the world through sin.”

“But we were never meant to die. We were not created to die.”

## **Living Faithfully While Waiting for Christ’s Return**

Laurie asked Rubio whether current world events make him think Jesus’ return could be near.

Rubio cautioned against trying to predict the timing.

“If you look at the 2,000 years of Christianity every generation has believed they lived in the end times.”

He noted that every era has experienced global turmoil and

pointed to Jesus' own teaching about His return.

"I think it's almost a trap... we're basically told that it... whether it's death or the second coming it'll come as a thief in the night."

"So, rather than try to predict it or anticipate it, I think you just sort of understand that's how the story ends and in the meantime, this is what we're called to do – to live our faith."

## **'Ours Is a Faith of the Cross'**

Laurie also asked Rubio whether openly living out his Christian faith has come at a political cost.

Rubio said followers of Christ should expect opposition.

"The gospel's clear you'll be hated for it."

"Ours is a faith of the cross."

"It's not the faith of winning the lottery... and there's nothing wrong with wealth. There's nothing wrong with success. There's nothing wrong with happiness."

"But I think it's a misunderstanding of Christianity to believe that it's a... faith that leads to... happiness and prosperity."

Reflecting on church history, Rubio said Christianity has often been strongest when believers remained faithful under pressure.

"If you look at the era of Christianity where Christianity has been strongest and most vibrant is when it's countercultural."

"When it's been strong and the most vibrant is when it's been oppressed."

“We don’t seek oppression. We don’t seek to... be... hated, but it’s going to happen.”

## **A Public Witness**

Laurie concluded the interview by expressing gratitude that Rubio has been willing to speak openly about his faith while serving in one of the nation’s highest offices.

“I think that God has raised you up for this moment to do exactly what you’re doing,” Laurie said.

Throughout the interview, Rubio consistently returned to the same message. While the world faces uncertainty and conflict, Christians have reason for confidence because of the Gospel, Christ’s resurrection and the promise that one day He will return.

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## **Controversial New Study Claims Gossip May Be Good for You: Scripture Says Otherwise**

A new study reported on by the Daily Mail is drawing attention for a provocative claim: People who gossip and spread rumors

are more likely to be in romantic relationships and have children.

Researchers analyzed nearly 1,500 adults and concluded that what they call “relational aggression” – gossiping, spreading rumors and socially excluding others – may have offered an evolutionary advantage by helping people attract or keep romantic partners. The authors even suggested the behavior “could be under natural selection” in modern humans.

From a purely descriptive standpoint, the researchers identified a statistical association. They did not establish that gossip causes relationship success or larger families.

For us as Christians, however, the more important question is not whether a sinful behavior can appear to produce an earthly advantage. Scripture repeatedly shows that sin can seem profitable for a season while ultimately producing destruction.

The Bible never treats gossip as a virtue, a relationship strategy or a tool for success. Instead, it consistently portrays it as something that damages friendships, divides communities and grieves God.

## **The danger of calling sin an advantage**

Throughout history, people have justified sinful behavior because it appeared to “work.”

Lying can gain temporary advantages. Greed can produce wealth. Pride can bring worldly recognition. Manipulation can sometimes achieve influence.

That does not make those behaviors righteous.

Likewise, even if someone used gossip to damage a rival’s

reputation or elevate their own social standing, Scripture would never redefine that behavior as good because it produced a desired outcome.

The Christian standard is not, “Does this increase my success?” It is, “Does this honor God?”

Jesus calls His followers to holiness, not merely effectiveness.



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## Scripture’s response to gossip

Rather than encouraging gossip, God’s Word repeatedly warns us against it.

- **Proverbs 16:28:** “A perverse man sows strife, and a whisperer separates the best of friends.” Gossip doesn’t strengthen relationships—it destroys them. Even close friendships can be shattered when rumors and whispered accusations take root.
- **Proverbs 11:13:** “A talebearer reveals secrets, but he who is of a faithful spirit conceals the matter.” God honors people who can be trusted. Mature believers protect confidences instead of using someone else’s failures or private struggles as conversation material.
- **Proverbs 20:19:** “He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets; therefore do not associate with a gossip.” This is one of Scripture’s strongest warnings. Rather than embracing gossipers because they seem influential or entertaining, we are told to be cautious about allowing them into our closest circles.
- **Proverbs 26:20:** “Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; so where there is no talebearer, strife ceases.” Gossip fuels conflict the way wood fuels a fire.

Refusing to pass along rumors is often the quickest way to stop division before it spreads.

- **Leviticus 19:16:** “You shall not go up and down as a talebearer among your people...” Even under the Old Covenant, God made it clear that spreading damaging stories about others had no place among His people. Our words should protect our community, not tear it apart.
- **Ephesians 4:29:** “Let no unwholesome word proceed out of your mouth, but only what is good for building up, that it may minister grace to the hearers.” Before speaking, we should ask a simple question: Will these words build someone up or tear someone down? If they don’t impart grace, they shouldn’t leave our mouths.
- **James 4:11:** “Do not speak evil of one another, brothers.” Speaking negatively about fellow believers is more than poor behavior—it undermines the unity Christ desires for His Church.
- **James 1:26:** “If anyone among you thinks himself to be religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man’s religion is worthless.” James doesn’t separate spiritual maturity from our speech. A tongue that is out of control reveals a heart that still needs to be surrendered to God.
- **Psalms 141:3:** “Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips.” David recognized that controlling our words is difficult. This verse is a reminder to ask God daily for wisdom before we speak.
- **1 Peter 4:15:** “But let none of you suffer... as a busybody in other men’s matters.” Gossip often begins with inserting ourselves into situations that aren’t ours to manage. Peter encourages us to mind our own affairs instead of becoming consumed with everyone else’s.

# Discernment in an age of conflicting messages

Studies can offer useful observations about human behavior, but Christians are called to evaluate every claim through the lens of Scripture.

If a culture begins celebrating a behavior that God warns against, our response should not be to adjust Scripture to fit the culture. It should be to let Scripture remain our standard.

Whether intentional or not, presenting gossip as something beneficial risks normalizing a sin that God repeatedly condemns. We are called to be people whose words heal rather than wound, unite rather than divide, and reflect the character of Christ rather than the values of the world.

Our culture may reward gossip for a time. God's Word calls us to something better.

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## Levites Sing Psalms on Temple

# Mount Again After Nearly 2,000 Years

For nearly 2,000 years, the songs of the Levites and their daily psalms used for temple services have been absent from the Temple Mount.

This week, that changed.

In a development that drew global attention, three Levites ascended the Temple Mount and sang the Shir shel Yom, the daily psalm for Tuesday traditionally recited during Temple worship.

The event comes just days after reports of another potential red heifer being born in Israel, adding to a growing list of developments surrounding efforts to restore Temple service.

According to a report by Israel365 News, the singers described the moment as the partial fulfillment of a centuries-old hope.

*“We were moved today to fulfill – partially – our dream as sons of Levi: to sing the song of God on the holy mountain. Today, thank God, there are several organizations of Levites preparing for the day when we can stand again on the platform, and we invite our Levite brothers to inquire and join.”*

The event was organized by the Beyadenu movement, which encourages Jewish prayer and worship on the Temple Mount. Organizers said the three Levites have been training together and periodically ascending the Mount to sing the daily psalm at the time corresponding to the ancient morning offering. A video of Tuesday’s event was also released.

This was not the first time the three Levites had ascended the Temple Mount to sing.

Around December 2025, the same group gathered to perform a song in memory of the victims of the Bondi Junction terror attack in Australia.

## More Than One Event

By itself, the return of Levitical singing is historically remarkable.

Viewed alongside other recent developments, however, it becomes another piece of a much larger picture.

Over the past several years, preparations connected to a future Temple have steadily advanced. Priests have continued training for Temple service. Sacred vessels and priestly garments have been recreated. The Temple Institute has continued its work surrounding the biblical red heifer, and recent reports of another potential red heifer born in Israel have once again fueled discussion about ritual purification and future Temple worship.

Now, after nearly two millennia of silence, Levites are once again publicly performing one of their ancient Temple responsibilities on the Temple Mount.

The organizers emphasized that this is only the beginning, calling for additional Levites to join the growing choir in preparation for expanded service.

The article also notes that the singers stood on the historic 15 steps associated with the Songs of Ascents and that Levitical music was never viewed as mere ceremony.

Quoting 1 Chronicles 25:1, the organizers wrote:

*David and the commanders of the army set apart for the service the sons of Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun, who prophesied with lyres, harps, and cymbals.*

According to Jewish tradition cited in the report, Temple sacrifices offered without the accompanying Levitical songs were considered incomplete.

## Why Christians Are Watching

For us as Christians, the significance of these developments is not that they establish a date for Christ's return. Scripture is clear that no one knows that day or hour.

Nor do we look to a restored Temple for salvation. Jesus Christ fulfilled the sacrificial system once for all through His death, burial and resurrection.

Even so, many students of Bible prophecy pay close attention because Scripture describes a functioning Temple during the end times.

Daniel 9:27 speaks of sacrifices being halted midway through a future covenant. Jesus referred to the "abomination of desolation" standing in the holy place in Matthew 24:15. The apostle Paul wrote that the man of lawlessness will sit in God's Temple, proclaiming himself to be God (2 Thess. 2:3-4).

Those passages do not tell us when a Third Temple will be built, nor do they place it before the Rapture. They do, however, describe a future Temple playing a significant role during the Tribulation.



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That is why developments like the return of Levitical singing, ongoing priestly preparations and renewed attention surrounding red heifers continue to capture the attention of Christians around the world.

Whether these events ultimately become part of God's prophetic

timetable remains to be seen.

What cannot be denied is that the movement to restore Temple worship is no longer confined to ancient history or theological discussion. After nearly 2,000 years, Levites are once again singing on the Temple Mount, preparations continue on multiple fronts, and the conversation surrounding a future Temple is growing louder with each passing month.

And that is a development worth paying close attention to.

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## **Jack Hibbs: The Rapture Is About More Than End-Times Prophecy**

As war, prophecy and the modern nation of Israel continue to dominate headlines, Bible teacher Amir Tsarfati is urging Christians to keep one foundational truth in focus: It's never been about elevating Israel above God.

"It's about the God of Israel," Tsarfati said. "Don't ever, ever try to be like Israel. He's not asking you to be a Jew."

Pointing to Exodus 33, Tsarfati noted that after Israel sinned

with the golden calf, Moses' greatest concern was not preserving Israel's reputation but remaining in God's presence. Moses pleaded with the Lord, "If your spirit, if your presence is not leading, I'm not moving out of here."

Tsarfaty said that same priority should define our walk with God. The goal is not to imitate Israel's national identity but to pursue the God who called Israel and redeemed us by His grace.



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## **It's About God's Name**

Tsarfaty turned to 2 Samuel to explain why God chose Israel in the first place.

"It's not about them, IT'S ABOUT HIS NAME," he said. "He is choosing them to make for Himself a name."

God's covenant with Israel reveals His faithfulness, His sovereignty and His unchanging character. Israel points to Him. When believers lose sight of that, they risk putting the spotlight on the wrong place.

"The emphasis is not on them," Tsarfaty said. "The emphasis on Him."

He also warned against two opposite errors.

"And every time you idolize Israel, you take the glory from the God of Israel," he said. "And when you hate Israel, you hurt the heart of God of Israel."

## **Chosen by Grace**

Tsarfaty also challenged the idea that Israel was selected because of its moral superiority.

“There’s nowhere a single verse that says in the whole Bible they were so good and they were so perfect that that’s why God chose them,” he said. “Nowhere.”

He then connected that truth directly to every Christian.

“Show me a verse that says that you are perfect. That you are so good and that’s why God chose you.”

His point is the heart of the Gospel. God did not choose Israel because it earned His favor, and He does not save believers because they deserve it. Both demonstrate His grace.

Closing with Isaiah 44, Tsarfati reminded listeners of God’s enduring covenant with Israel: “Remember these, O Jacob and Israel, for you are my servant. I have formed you. You are my servant, O Israel. You will not be forgotten by Me.”

As conversations about Israel continue to intensify, Tsarfati’s message serves as a timely reminder that the ultimate focus of Scripture is not merely God’s people, but the God who remains faithful to every promise He has made.

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