Message Title: He is Still Coming Back Pt-5

**Theme:** This message considers why Jesus told us all to watch and the difference that it makes.

From the time that Jesus told Peter, James, John and Andrew privately on the Mount of Olives to be watching for His return literally billions of people have believed that Jesus will be coming back in their life time. So much so that after Jesus ascended up into Heaven all those standing there continued to watch as though He were coming back while they waited, see Acts 1:11. At that point they had no understanding of how future events would unfold. For us it is much clearer now. Jesus will make a total of three trips to Earth. The first He came as the Savior, second He will come secretly to take all the Saints and third He will come back boldly with the Saints as King of Kings to rule and reign for a thousand years. The hard part for us is waiting because we are God's children and like children we are impatient and we want Him to come now. God anticipates this event quite differently much like a farmer anxiously awaits harvest time.

**Salient Points:** Easter a floating holiday, A spring time rapture, When we think not, In a season, Why should we watch, Pray without ceasing, Watching makes a difference How interested is God in you, What does our Creator want from us, Santa Clause oddities, Developing a sense of anticipation, Bought to give away, Only praying when necessary, Only thinking of what's in it for me, Appreciating our existence, Considering the details of creating, Just wanting more, Reckoning the flesh dead, Thinking past self, Our jealous God.

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The speaker would like you to know that all of these messages are in the chronological progression that God revealed them, and even though many may stand alone, they progress through several subjects that build on the previous lessons. This series of messages titled "Our Timeless Creator" (OTC), shift the focus from salvation and service, to understanding God. How He who needs nothing, benefits from creating the human race. It started in 2007 as God began answering a fervent prayer in connection with Psalm 50:15. "LORD, show me how to glorify you". The speaker became a new creature, (2 Corinthians 5:17) on May 20 1973. At that moment the reality of GOD's existence and the direct connection to the Bible became miraculously clear. Overwhelmed with excitement he began telling everyone who had a few moments to listen, what he had found, like a man who had found a cure for a terminal illness, that everyone had. His excitement and enthusiasm lasted for well over a year, even when some said, "you'll get over it." Slowly his efforts began to focus on responsibility and all of the how-tos of service. As the excitement faded it was replaced with frustration. He had said many times "the most frustrating thing in life is, knowing what GOD could do and watch him not do it". In 2005 GOD began a work as described in Job 5:17-18, that changed everything. He says," it was much like when I first became a child of God all over again".