



Advent, Longing for Light *The Lord is a LIGHT for me*

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Announcements

Welcome to Center Point Church! There are exciting things happening at our church and hope you feel welcome. We love you and are glad you joined us today.

Child Care is available for children up to age 5. We love kids so you are welcome to keep them in the service with you or drop them off in the nursery.

Christmas Eve Service 7pm We will be having a Christmas Eve service on Thursday December 23rd at 7pm. Please join us for this very special time.



Micah 7:1-10

¹ Woe to me! For I am

Like harvests of summer fruit, like gleanings of grapes.
There is not a cluster of grapes left to eat,
Nor an early fig, which I crave.

² The godly person has perished from the land,
And there is no upright person among mankind.
All of them lie in wait for bloodshed;
Each of them hunts the other with a net.

³ As for evil, both hands do it well.

The leader asks for a bribe, also the judge,
And the great one speaks the capricious desire of his
soul;

So they plot it together.

⁴ The best of them is like a thorn bush,
The most upright like a thorn hedge.
The day when you post your watchmen,
Your punishment is coming.

Then their confusion will occur.

⁵ Do not trust in a neighbor;
Do not have confidence in a close friend.

Guard your lips
From her who lies in your arms.

⁶ For son disavows father,
Daughter rises up against her mother,
Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
A person's enemies are the people of his own
household.

⁷ But as for me, I will be on the watch for the Lord;
I will wait for the God of my salvation.
My God will hear me.

⁸ Do not rejoice over me, enemy of mine.

Though I fall I will rise;

Though I live in darkness, the Lord is a light for me.

⁹ I will endure the rage of the Lord
Because I have sinned against Him,
Until He pleads my case and executes justice for me.
He will bring me out to the light,
And I will look at His righteousness.
¹⁰ Then my enemy will see,
And shame will cover her who said to me,
“Where is the Lord your God?”
My eyes will look at her;
At that time she will [h]be trampled down
Like mud of the streets.

Notes

The Lord is a LIGHT for me

1. Jesus is the LIGHT

John 1:1-5

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the **Light of men**. ⁵ The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 8:12

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “**I am the Light of the world**; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.”

2. The Light is our Hope of Salvation (vs. 7)

Acts 4:12

There is **salvation in no one else**; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

The name of **JESUS!**

3. The Light exposes our sin (vs. 8-9)

John 3:19

This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

The same Light that is our Hope also exposes our sin.

4. The Light redeems and restores (vs. 9)

1 Peter 1:18 -19

¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, ¹⁹ but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

5. The Light forgives our sins (vs. 9)

Psalm 103:12

God removes our sins as far as the east is from the west.

6. The Light wins over darkness (vs. 10)

John 1:5

And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

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