

SOMEONE'S COMING

Journey to the Manger Week 1

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*"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
(Isaiah 9:6, NLT)*

3 PERSISTENT PROBLEMS FROM THE PAST

THEY DEALT WITH:

1. DARKNESS AND CONFUSION ALL AROUND THEM

"What sorrow for those who say that evil is good and good is evil, that dark is light and light is dark, that bitter is sweet and sweet is bitter." (Isaiah 5:20, NLT)

"Darkness as black as night covers all the nations of the earth..." (Isaiah 60:2a, NLT)

2. FEELING ABANDONED AND ALONE.

"Yet Jerusalem says, 'The Lord has deserted us; the Lord has forgotten us.'" (Isaiah 49:14, NLT)

3. ANXIETY AND FEAR ABOUT TOMORROW.

"The news had come to the royal court of Judah: 'Syria is allied with Israel against us!' So the hearts of the king and his people trembled with fear, like trees shaking in a storm" (Isaiah 7:2, NLT)

"Every arm is paralyzed with fear. Every heart melts, and people are terrified. Pangs of anguish grip them, like those of a woman in labor. They look helplessly at one another, their faces aflame with fear." (Isaiah 13:7-8, NLT)

3 PROMISES OF THE ONE WHO WILL COME

HE WILL:

1. BE THE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS.

"The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine." (Isaiah 9:2, NLT)

"All nations will come to your light; mighty kings will come to see your radiance." (Psalm 60:3, NLT)

2. BE CALLED IMMANUEL.

"All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us')." (Isaiah 7:14, NLT)

3. BE OUR STRENGTH.

"The Lord will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring." (Isaiah 58:11, NLT)

"Then the Lord will be your delight. I will give you great honor and satisfy you with the inheritance I promised to your ancestor..." (Isaiah 58:14a, NLT)

3 WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROMISE

WE NEED TO:

1. ACCEPT WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN.

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7, NLT)

2. PRAY FOR A NAME.

"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them." (1 Timothy 2:1, NLT)

3. MAKE THE INVITE.

"But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, 'How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!'" (Romans 10:14-15, NLT)

ACTION STEP

WRITE THE NAME

PRAY FOR THEM

INVITE TO CANDLELIGHT