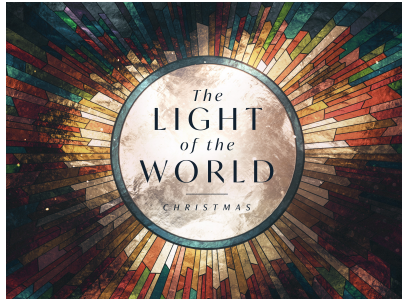


SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

The Light is Breaking

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor
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John 8:12 "I AM the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have light that leads to life."

Luke 1:67-79 (NLT) Then his father, Zechariah, was filled with the Holy Spirit and gave this prophecy: ⁶⁸ "Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited and redeemed his people. ⁶⁹ He has sent us a mighty Saviour from the royal line of his servant David, ⁷⁰ just as he promised through his holy prophets long ago. ⁷¹ Now we will be saved from our enemies and from all who hate us. ⁷² He has been merciful to our ancestors by remembering his sacred covenant —⁷³ the covenant he swore with an oath to our ancestor Abraham. ⁷⁴ We have been rescued from our enemies so we can serve God without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness for as long as we live. ⁷⁶ "And you, my little son, will be called the prophet of the Most High, because you will prepare the way for the Lord. ⁷⁷ You will tell his people how to find salvation through forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸ Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us, ⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace."

What do we see in this Scripture about God that helps us today?

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- **God loves us with passion.**

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Isaiah 60:19 (NLT) "No longer will you need the sun to shine by day, nor the moon to give its light by night, for the Lord your God will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

Malachi 4:2 (NLT) "But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture."

- **God redeems us for a purpose.**

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- **God guides us into peace.**

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John 14:27 (NIV) "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Big Idea: God is faithful, so trust Him, & find love, purpose, & peace in Christ.



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- 3) **Observation:** What “jumps out” in this passages? What interesting details do you observe? What questions come up about the passage? What is the major theme in the passage?
- 4) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What meaning is inferred in this passage for us?
- 5) What do we learn about God from this passage? How does this passage exemplify God’s faithfulness? How does this encourage and challenge you today?
- 6) Read Isaiah 60:19 and Malachi 4:2. How do these passages illuminate the truth of who Jesus is?
- 7) **Application:** How is God speaking to you today through this message and through His Word?
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