

Christmas Brings Hope

The Heart Of Christmas - (# 1)

November 26, 2023

OPENING SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

KEY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 4:6

TEXT: Isaiah 9:2-7

KEY VERSE: Romans 15:4

[Romans 15:4](#) For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

May hope arise in our hearts as we invite the Son of God in.

1) _____ **Through The Darkness.**

2) **The Enemy's** _____.

3) **A** _____ **Is** _____.


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3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: They joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, And as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

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5 For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, And garments rolled in blood; But this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

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Isaiah 9:2-7 KJV 1900


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The birth of Jesus was the fulfillment of that prophecy, and this fact offers us hope in our lives today.




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Jesus, God's only Son, is the light that shines, and the hope sent from God.



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1) Light Shines Through The Darkness.

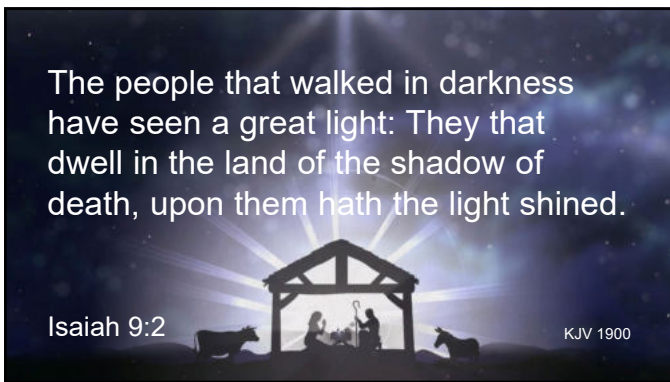


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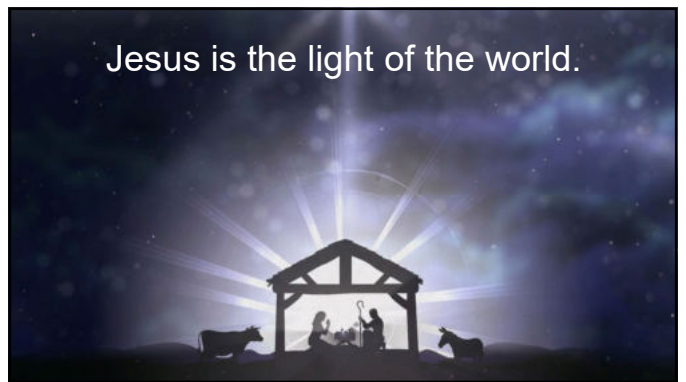
Isaiah 9:2

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Jesus is the light of the world.

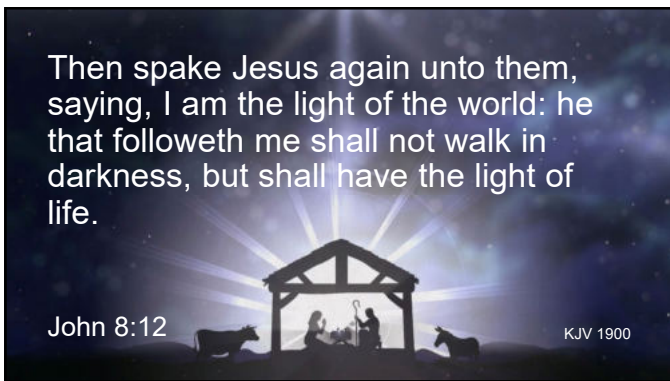


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Then spake Jesus again unto them,
saying, I am the light of the world: he
that followeth me shall not walk in
darkness, but shall have the light of
life.

John 8:12

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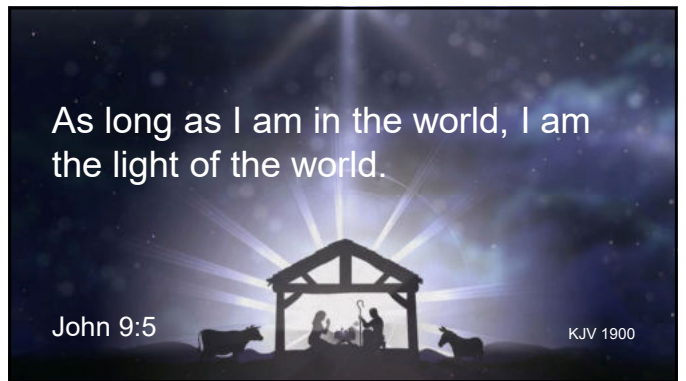


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As long as I am in the world, I am
the light of the world.

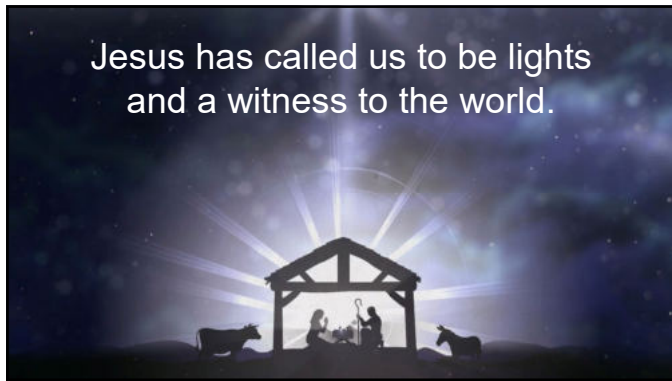
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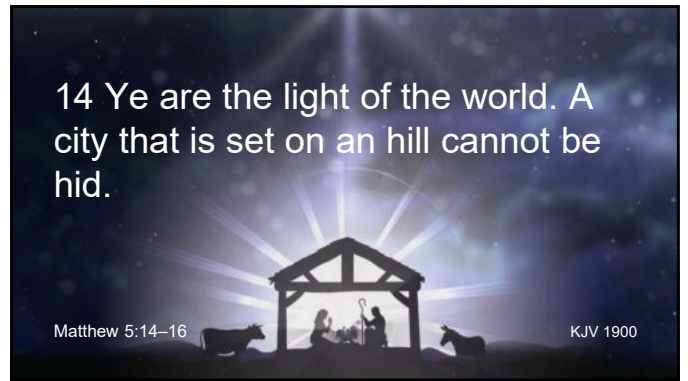
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Jesus has called us to be lights
and a witness to the world.



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14 Ye are the light of the world. A
city that is set on an hill cannot be
hid.

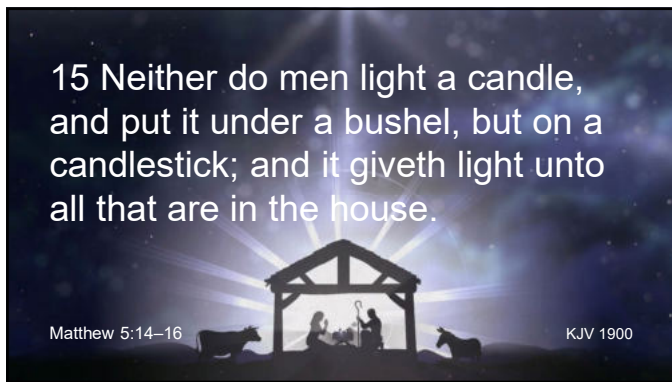


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Matthew 5:14-16

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15 Neither do men light a candle,
and put it under a bushel, but on a
candlestick; and it giveth light unto
all that are in the house.

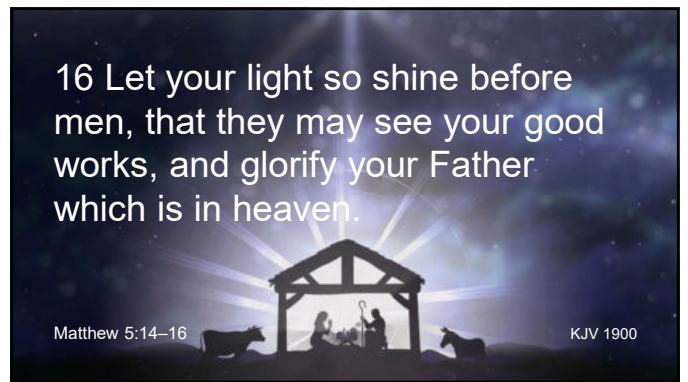


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16 Let your light so shine before
men, that they may see your good
works, and glorify your Father
which is in heaven.

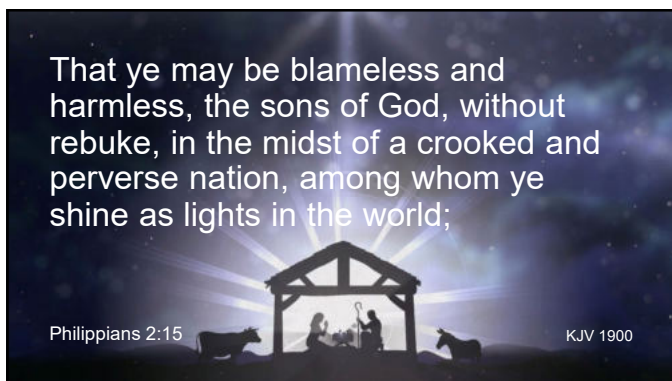


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That ye may be blameless and
harmless, the sons of God, without
rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and
perverse nation, among whom ye
shine as lights in the world;

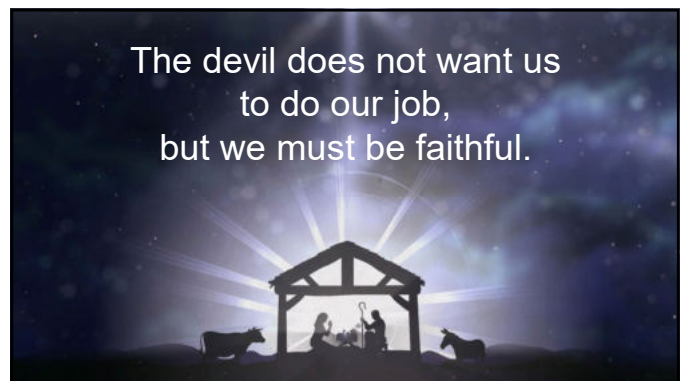


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Philippians 2:15

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The devil does not want us
to do our job,
but we must be faithful.



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In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Corinthians 4:4

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When the light shines and the darkness flees, there is hope.

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4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

John 1:4-5

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5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John 1:4-5

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For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

Isaiah 9:4

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When you live in Christ and walk with Him, you are free from the bondage and burdens of this world.

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And it shall come to pass in that day, That his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, And his yoke from off thy neck, And the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

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Isaiah 10:27

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You must make a decision.

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Live for Jesus and walk with Him or live for the devil and be bound by him.

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These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

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Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

1 John 4:4

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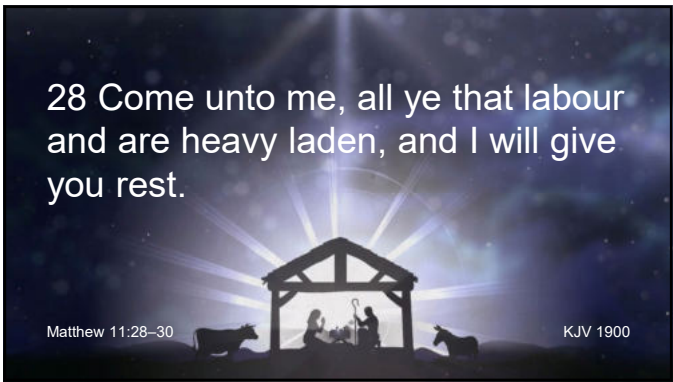
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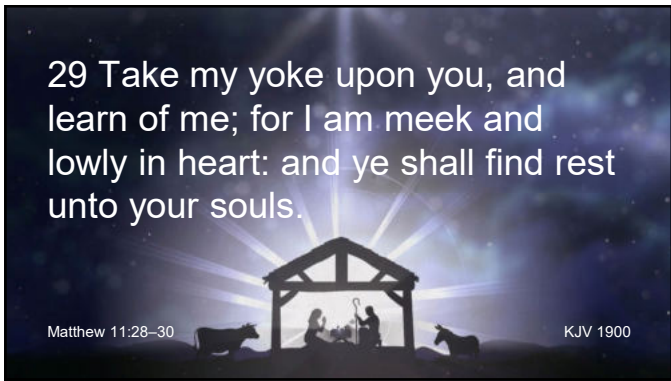
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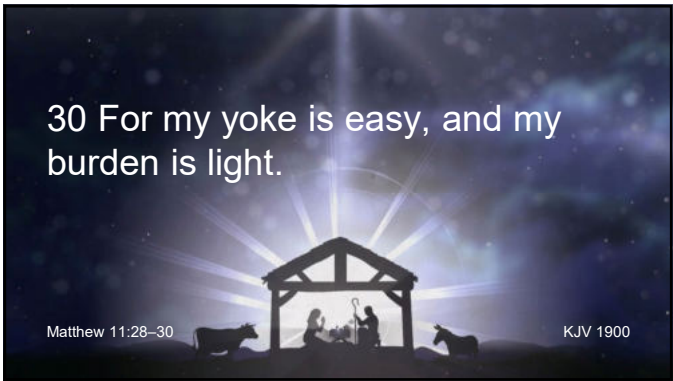
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This promise and fulfillment
was from God.



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Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, And shall call his name Immanuel.



Isaiah 7:14

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God sent His Son.



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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

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A King was sent,
who died in our place.

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And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

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Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 1:18

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19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

Matthew 1:19-20

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20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 1:19-20

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All of these events took place to fulfill the prophecy from the Old Testament, which claimed there would be a child born as a light in the darkness.

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The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

Matthew 4:16

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The fulfillment of prophecy, the birth of Jesus Christ, gives us hope.

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22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Matthew 1:22-23

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23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

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