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Philippians 4:4 (NIV) – “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”

Romans 11:17-18 (NIV) – “If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you”.

Isaiah 7:14 (NIV) – “Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel”.

Isaiah 7:2 (NIV) – Now the house of David was told, “Aram has allied itself with Ephraim”; so the hearts of Ahaz and his people were shaken, as the trees of the forest are shaken by the wind.

Isaiah 7:4,9 (NIV) - Say to him, “Be careful, keep calm and don’t be afraid. Do not lose heart because of these two smoldering stubs of firewood – because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and of the son of Remaliah” – “The head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is only Remaliah’s son. If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all”.

Isaiah 7:10-12 (NIV) – Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, “Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights”. But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test”.

“Then, if Jesus Christ be ‘God with us’, let us come to God without any question or hesitancy. Whoever you may be, you need no priest or intercessor to introduce you to God, for God has introduced Himself to you”
- **Charles Spurgeon**

*“O Come thou Dayspring, come and cheer, our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight”*
- **O Come, O Come Immanuel**

Isaiah 9:1-2 (NIV) – “Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future He will honor Galilee of the nations, by

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the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan – The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned”.

Luke 1:78-79 (KJV) – “Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the Dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace”.

“O come, thou Rod of Jesse free, thine own from Satan’s tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save, and give them victory o’er the grave” - **O Come, O Come Immanuel**

Hebrews 9:22 (NIV) – “In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness”.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57 (NIV) – “When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory’. ‘Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ”.

Zephaniah 3:14-17 (NIV) – “Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away your punishment, He has turned back your enemy. The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. On that day they will say to Jerusalem, ‘Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in His love He will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing”.

John 1:9-12 (NIV) – “The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. Yet, to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God”.