

The Light of the World Among Us

Together, let's explore the moment the prophet Isaiah's anticipation of light becomes the reality of the Light of the World among us. We'll explore the profound meaning of Christ's light shining in our world by examining Bible passages that describe his birth, life, and the hope he brings, and what this means for how we live as children of light.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- What does it feel like to wait for something that can't be rushed?
- Think about an event you eagerly anticipated. What was it like when it finally happened?



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READ [Isaiah 9:2-7](#), [Luke 2:1-20](#), [John 8:12](#), [Ephesians 5:8-9](#), [Revelation 22:5](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- In segment 1, host Darrell Delaney explained the past-tense nature of Isaiah's prophecy in [Isaiah 9:2-7](#): "He is speaking as if it is complete, because that is how it is from God's perspective." How does God's perspective of completion give you hope? In what situations is it like a flicker of light ahead of you?
- In segment 2, Darrell said that in Christ's lowly birth and the announcement to the shepherds, God situated himself "in a place where people who may not have voices or power" were. Imagine if Christ's birth and the angels' announcement were to happen today. To whom do you think God would send the angels today? Where are those people who may not have a voice or power?
- While reflecting on [Luke 2:19](#), Darrell said, "I think that is an invitation for us to reflect quietly on some of the things that God has done in our own lives." Take a few minutes to do that! What has God done in your life that you've treasured and pondered in your heart?
- As they closed segment 3, Darrell and host Scott Hoezee identified three takeaways for "how we can live in the light of Christmas every day": 1) we let the light of Christ guide us through his presence and his Word, 2) we reflect that transforming light to others, and 3) we remember that darkness does not win. Which of these takeaways did the Holy Spirit emphasize for you at this time?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Galatians 5:22-25](#), [Psalm 23](#), [Psalm 119:105](#), [Matthew 5:14-16](#), [John 1](#)

CONCLUSION

Isaiah prophesied about the coming Light of the World from God's perspective, as if the light had already come. When we read and remember the stories that tell us about Jesus Christ's birth, we witness the arrival of the Light of the World. The gospels and epistles of the New Testament help us understand how to live as children of the light. Revelation offers a vision of the coming Kingdom, providing us with hope. In what ways is it beneficial to our faith to trace this theme of light through the Bible as we celebrate Christmas?

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