

Waiting for the Light of the World

Advent is a season of waiting. We're waiting for the Light of the World. The Bible uses the imagery of light from Genesis to Revelation. Exploring the Bible's theme of light from the beginning, through the prophets, in the gospels, and in the prophecies of Revelation gives us a fuller understanding of what we're waiting for as we begin to prepare our hearts for the arrival of Jesus at his birth at Christmas.

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

- What comes to mind when you think about light?
- What comes to mind when you think about darkness?



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READ [Genesis 1:1-5](#), [Psalm 18:27-28](#), [Isaiah 7:14](#), [Isaiah 11:1-3](#), [Romans 13:11-14](#), [Revelation 21:22-24](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- In segment 1, hosts Darrell Delaney and Scott Hoezee examined the theme of light in the [Genesis 1](#) account of creation. In their discussion, they focused on God's sovereignty over darkness and the order that light brings, specifically, Jesus as the light of the world. Which part of their conversation gave you the most to ponder? Why?
- In segment 2, Scott and Darrell focused on light as illumination, examining passages in the Psalms, Proverbs, and Job that discuss light in terms of understanding and illumination. What areas in your life do you need Jesus Christ to bring his light?
- While reflecting on [Isaiah 7:14](#), which prophecies the coming of Immanuel, "God with us," Scott said, "The one who said, 'Let there be light' in Genesis 1, and the one who will be the light for the new creation...he is now our inner lamp." What does that mean to you that the illuminating Light of the world is with you?
- In what ways did studying the Bible's themes of light in the Old Testament help you better understand Jesus and prepare your heart to celebrate his birth?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[John 1:1-14](#), [Colossians 1:9-20](#), [John 8:48-59](#), [Exodus 3:14](#), [Psalm 139:11-12](#), [Psalm 119:105-106](#), [Psalm 1:1-6](#), [Proverbs 6:22-23](#), [Job 29:2-4](#), [Job 18:5-7](#), [Proverbs 24:19-20](#)

CONCLUSION

The promise of Immanuel in [Isaiah 7:14](#) means the Light of the World himself is with us, bringing order, illumination, wisdom, and hope to our lives. Close your time of reflection by thanking God for the Bible's consistent message about light and ask for the continued illumination only Jesus can provide as we wait for the time when the glory of God is our light, and the Lamb is our lamp ([Revelation 21:22-24](#)).

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