



The Promise of a Savior

2024 ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Week 1

For the first week of Advent 2024, we will use the theme of the Promises of God. Whether through God speaking directly or through the Prophets, His Promises are rich daily. If we think back through scripture, His Promises extend from Genesis 1 and through the books of the New Testament. We will unwrap His Promises and determine what each holds for us today. Along the way, we may find a few surprises or a fresh perspective on what each promise gives us. Pam and I hope your time reading these devotionals is blessed during this Advent season. All scriptural references are from the English Standard Version of the Holy Bible.

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Let There Be Light

In my lifetime, there have been a few moments of absolute clarity about whether something was right or wrong, more than a few moments involved doing something foolish. These moments of clarity are often called epiphanies. In epiphany moments, it seems as if a light has suddenly been turned on, and we can see more clearly what should have been evident to us all along. Have you had similar experiences?

In looking through scripture, I found what represents God's first promise in Genesis 1:3-5, "God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening, and there was morning, the first day." God's promise of "let there be light" was immediately followed by light being present. What a blessing light is to our lives. Without light, we would be wandering in the dark and unable to see the world around us. Without light, we would have a feeling of being trapped in a void. But God did not intend for us to stumble around in the dark. He did not intend for us to constantly fear that we would bump into something or become lost. He intended for us to be able to see the majesty of His creation. The beauty of a sunrise or sunset would not exist without that light. Yet, there was more to God's promise to "Let There Be Light" than merely removing darkness.

In "Let There Be Light," we can find a bigger and better promise. That was the promise of what was to come in that first Advent. That being the birth of His Son, our Savior. Jesus is the light we seek, as He shares in John 8:12, "Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" The best, most pure light from the Son of God must illuminate our life from the sin of a broken world lest we fall prey to the lies of that world. Many wander in spiritual darkness, missing that vital-to-their-life light of Jesus. That is why we, those in the light, must reach out to those still in the dark. That is what we do during Advent; we reach out and share the light of Jesus with all who need to come in from the dark.

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