



Bible Study for Advent

Have you ever been in a place of complete darkness and that caused you some fear?

We have so much electric light now that we don't understand total darkness anymore.

Darkness leads to fear. For the Jewish people, they had 400 years when God didn't speak through the prophets. They felt totally abandoned by God. Into this darkness, came Jesus.

Advent means the coming of a great person, the arrival, a beginning.

In the Bible, light has always symbolized God, faith, holiness, and living in a righteous way.

Consider how you can walk in hope through these dark times of our world. How can you bring light and hope to those around you this Christmas season?

How will you make time to love people and share His light through your life?

Read through the following scriptures and note how God is associated with light.

Matthew 4:16 the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

John 1:5 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 8:12 12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

1 John 1: 5 5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Exodus 3:2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to [Moses] in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.

Psalms 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear?

John 12: 35-36 Then Jesus told them, “You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going. 36 Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.”

Ephesians 5:14 “Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Luke 11:34-36 Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are healthy, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are unhealthy, your body also is full of darkness. 35 See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness. 36 Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you.”

Proverbs 4:18-19 The path of the righteous is like the morning sun,
shining ever brighter till the full light of day.
19 But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness;
they do not know what makes them stumble.

Isaiah 9:2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

Revelation 21:23-24 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.

Luke 2:8-14 8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Advent was the coming of light into the darkness of the fallen world that will never be extinguished. Rest in His light this Christmas.

