

Light in the Darkness

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Isaiah 8:11-22



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Sermon Questions

1. Where in your life are you currently experiencing fear (political division, financial strain, personal health, etc.)? How might intentionally fostering an awe of God's absolute sovereignty ("LORD of hosts") practically diminish or reframe that specific worldly fear?
2. In what ways does the holiness and absolute authority of God, the very things that offer security become a stumbling block for people in our culture?
3. When you feel overwhelmed or fearful, what are the modern "sources" you automatically turn to before the "teaching and the testimony" of God's Word? What specific lie are you hoping to find comfort in?
4. How have you observed the cultural or personal consequences of people (or yourself) rejecting God's Word? What does it look like to practically make the Scriptures your first and final authority when seeking guidance about a difficult current event?
5. Can you recall a season in your life when God felt distant or "hiding"? What specific spiritual disciplines (or lack thereof) made the waiting feel sustainable or unsustainable during that dark period?
6. Thinking about your closest non-Christian friends or neighbors, what is the current societal anxiety they are most consumed by? How might your active choice to fear, listen, and wait for Jesus offer a visible, compelling alternative to their worry?
7. How does this grand, eternal hope for Christ's return affect your ability to cope with the small, everyday struggles and anxieties of the present moment? Is this hope more theoretical or actively comforting for you?