



“A Great Light”

Matthew 4:12-17

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Three things about the “Great Light” ...

1. The Light was a _____:

- The original prophecy was spoken by Isaiah. (Isaiah 9:1-2;6-7)
- God always _____.
- The promised child was “a great light” because He was _____. (Isaiah 7:14 “Immanuel”)
- This was not the first mention of the promise:
 - Genesis 3:15; Genesis 22:8; Exodus 12:13; etc.
 - The entire Old Testament points to the promised Savior.
- You can _____ on God’s promises:
 - (1) God’s Peace = Philippians 4:6-7
 - (2) God’s Provision = Matthew 6:33
 - (3) God’s Presence = Hebrews 13:5
 - (4) God’s Deliverance = I Corinthians 10:13
 - (5) God’s Love = Romans 8:38-39

Application: *What promise(s) of God do you need to lean on today?*

2. The Light was a _____:

- In the Bible light is a strong and frequent _____.

- Matthew clearly applied the prophecy of Isaiah to a person. “The great light that dawned” was _____.
- John 1:1-9 “The Word,” “God,” “Creator,” “The True Light.”
 - Genesis 1:1-4: “Let there be light...”
 - Genesis 1:16: “Then God made two great lights...”
- John 8:12 “I am the light of the world.”

Application: *Let’s not be sidetracked by the secularization of Christmas. Allow the various aspects of your Christmas celebration to point to Jesus.*

3. The Light brought _____:

- Isaiah was a messenger of _____ but Jesus was the _____.
- Why did Jesus come? He was _____.
- John 1:4-5 “In Him was life...”
- When Jesus was crucified, darkness fell over all the land (Matthew 27:45). The Light of the World took on the whole world’s darkness, so we could be brought into God’s glorious light (I Peter 2:9).

Application: *Do you have hope in Jesus? Do you have hope for your everyday life? If you know the Light of Christmas, you have hope.*

Song by Lauren Dagal “Light of the World”

NEXT STEPS?