
Advent Series
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Sermon Title: The Promise: “The Branch of the Lord, Beautiful and Glorious”

Scripture text: Isaiah 4:2-6

Outline:

1. Out of Desolation, Something Marvelous
2. Out of the Frying Pan, Into the Fire
3. Into Mount Zion, Canopied with Glory

Questions:

1. Our culture has a hard time holding together the ideas of God’s judgment and his salvation, yet this passage includes both ideas. Why do you think that is?
2. Discuss in your group John Oswalt’s statement: “Judgment is not intended to destroy but to cleanse. The only issue is whether we will be among those who allow the judgment to do its cleansing work.”
3. Christmas is about both promises kept and promises that await fulfillment. How can Christians balance both the joy of the present and the hope of the future? What area do you need to focus on more this Christmas?
4. Isaiah says that one day God’s glory will be a canopy over us. Think of the most beautiful night sky you have ever experienced in your life. Then imagine that sky brilliantly shining with God’s glory over you and in you. What emotions come to mind when you think of this?
5. Who in your life can you share the hope of Jesus with this Advent season? Who needs the hope of a re-created world that is covered with a canopy of glory?