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The Great Light

Tracing the Scarlet Thread Through Isaiah 7 - 9:7

Isaiah 7–9:7 • Matthew 4:16 • John 8:12



When Fear Closes In, Whom Will We Trust?

Matthew 4:16

False Refuges of Fear

- x **Anxious Control:** Forcing outcomes
- x **Human Approval:** Cultural alignment
- x **Financial Power:** Earthly security
- x **Political Alliances:** Human savior complex

> “The Light came looking for us.”

The journey of Isaiah runs backwards: from the glory of chapter 9, through the darkness of chapter 8, back to the fearful choice of chapter 7.

The Light Has a Name

> **Core Principle**
> **God's answer is not a strategy; the Light is a Person.**

From Isaiah's prophecy to Calvary, God's line of redemption remains unbroken. Jesus is the promised Son who fulfills the covenant.



Every human need in crisis finds its complete answer in Christ.

What the Promised Child Provides

Wonderful Counselor

PROVIDES WISDOM

Ahaz used political calculation. *Jesus speaks divine truth (Luke 2:47).

Mighty God

PROVIDES POWER

Ahaz relied on Assyria. *Jesus calms storms and conquers death (Mark 4:39).

Everlasting Father

PROVIDES PROTECTION

Human support fails. *None can snatch His sheep from His hand (John 10:28).

Prince of Peace

PROVIDES WHOLENESS

Alliances yield anxiety. *Christ brings reconciliation and inner peace (John 14:27).

Why Was the Light Needed?



“Should not a people inquire of their God?”

> Isaiah 8:19 To the teaching and to the testimony!

Counterfeit Guidance:

- **Ancient:** Whispering mediums and spiritists (Isaiah 8:19)
- **Modern:** Family harmony, controlled schedule, self-help advice

Rejecting God’s Word does not make us enlightened; it makes us vulnerable to darkness.

Four Steps Away From Counterfeit Guidance

1

Pause the Rumor

Before "What is everyone saying?", ask "What has God said?"

2

Return to Scripture

Anchor your convictions in the written testimony of God.

3

Pray for Wisdom

Ask God liberally without doubting His readiness (James 1:5).

4

Trust Over Instinct

Lean not on your own understanding (Proverbs 3:5–6).

Fear, Faith, and King Ahaz

The Threat: Syria and Israel allied against Judah. King Ahaz and his people shook like trees in the wind (Isaiah 7:2).

> **“If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.”**
> **Isaiah 7:9**

God's Command: "Keep calm and don't be afraid" (Isaiah 7:4). Faith does not deny the threat; faith refuses to let the threat become lord.



False Savior vs. The Promised Sign

The Compromise: Assyria

Ahaz sounded religious ("I will not ask") but had already decided to make an alliance with Assyria.

Result: The apparent savior became the ultimate oppressor.

God's Sign: Immanuel

“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel — God with us” (Isaiah 7:14; Matt 1:22).

Promise: What is your "Assyria"? No human plan can save us, only Christ.

Do Not Trade God's Presence



Do Not Trade Immanuel

Never exchange "God with us" for human alliances or "Assyria."



Do Not Trade Scripture

Never exchange God's Word for cultural rumors or counterfeit guidance.



Do Not Trade Peace

Never exchange the Prince of Peace for the illusion of anxious control.

MEMORY MAP

LIGHT

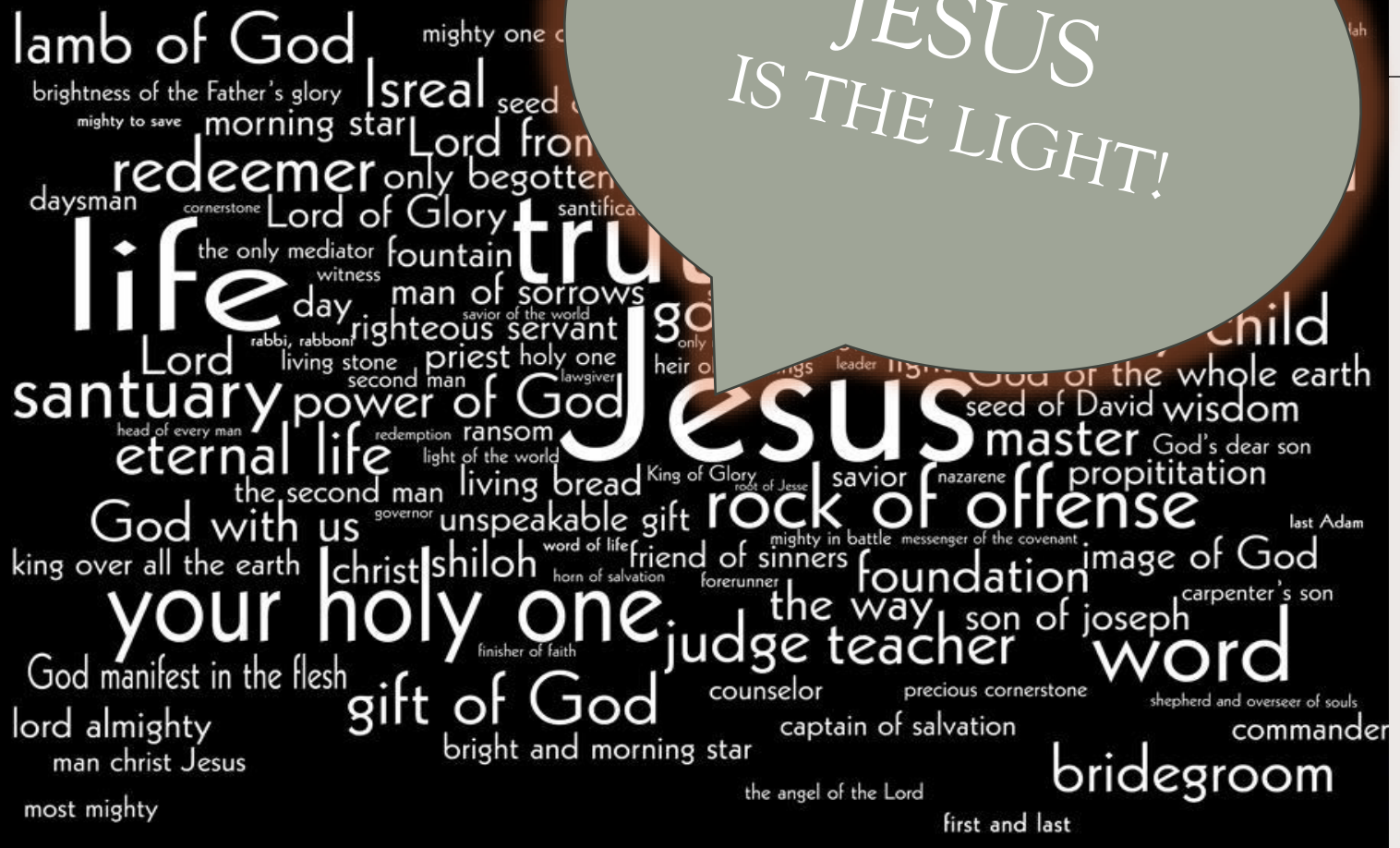
NAME

DARKNESS

FEAR

TRUST

WALK



JESUS
IS THE LIGHT!

MEMORY MAP: LIGHT → NAME → DARKNESS → FEAR → TRUST → WALK



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JOHN 8:12

Trust the One Who Is With You. Stand Firm in Faith.

Walk in the Great Light.



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