

ADVENT

{1st Week – Sunday December 2, 2012 A.D.}

Themes: (Purple – *prophecy of/fulfillment of the covenantal promises of God, The King of kings*)

- **HOPE:** Liberation from distress/rescue (shame, grief and despair), inclusion (especially to the Jew **and** Gentile/Rich **and** Poor. . .)
- **LONGING:** Dissatisfaction with the present world/age (yet full of gratitude for what one has), strong desire for the better estate/what God holds out to us
- **EAGER ANTICIPATION:** Expectant of great change, joy of imminent receipt, sensing the fullness of time, possessing **Good News**, seeing the harvest
- **LOOKING TOWARD THAT DAY:** Belief in the power of God to keep His promises, God the Almighty Creator making all things new, seeing the LORD glorious
- **VIGILANT WAITING:** Living as one expectant, watchful, prayerful, obedient/faithful, belief, standing/overcoming

{Isaiah 9:1-7, Isaiah 42:1-9 & Isaiah 61:1-7}

Isaiah 61:1-7 (NASB95)

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; ² to proclaim the favorable year of the LORD and the day of vengeance of our God;

Luke 4:16-21 (NASB95)

¹⁶ And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸ "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, ¹⁹ TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD." ²⁰ And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. ²¹ And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

To comfort all who mourn, ³ to grant those who mourn *in Zion*, giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting.

So they will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

⁴ Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, they will raise up the former devastations; and they will repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations. ⁵ Strangers will stand and pasture your flocks, and foreigners will be your farmers and your vinedressers.

⁶ But you will be called the priests of the LORD; you will be spoken of as ministers of our God.

You will eat the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast. ⁷ Instead of your shame *you will have a double portion*, and *instead of* humiliation they will shout for joy over their portion.

Therefore they will possess a double *portion* in their land, everlasting joy will be theirs.