

ADVENT

{1st Week – Sunday November 30, 2014 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 42:1-9 (NASB95)

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I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. ² "He will not cry out or raise *His voice*, Nor make His voice heard in the street. ³ "**A bruised reed He will not break** And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will **faithfully** bring forth justice. ⁴ "He will not be disheartened or crushed Until He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law."

⁵ Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring, Who gives breath to the people on it And spirit to those who walk in it, ⁶ "**I am the LORD, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations,** ⁷ To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the dungeon And those who dwell in darkness from the prison.

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1 Peter 1:3-9 (NASB95)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a **living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**, ⁴ to obtain an inheritance *which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you*, ⁵ who are **protected by the power of God through faith** for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this **you greatly rejoice**, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, ⁷ so that **the proof of your faith, being** more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to **result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ**; ⁸ and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you **greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory**, ⁹ obtaining as the **outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls**.

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