

Isaiah sees a day in the future when God will bring peace to reign upon the earth. All violence and isolation and oppression will cease.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah: 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,

and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 122 (*8am spoken, 10am sung*)

- ¹ I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- ² Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³ Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴ To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- ⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- ⁷ Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- ⁸ For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- ⁹ Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

There is no reason or excuse to continue in sin, evil, and darkness. We know right from wrong and have power through Jesus Christ to choose the right. Now is the moment to step into the light.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans: 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.