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Peace

[Isaiah 2:1- 5](#)

² In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.³ Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.⁴ He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

As I write this devotional, the Taliban has taken over Afghanistan. The images in the news are very graphic, depicting the violence and fear occurring in the Middle East. It can be very disturbing, but our God tells us do not fear.

Isaiah 2:2 begins with "In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established....it will be exalted above the hills and all nations will stream to it." Isaiah holds out the promise that Jerusalem will become the holy city for many nations.

This word from Isaiah is comforting. It lets us know that God is in control. "He will teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths."

When chaos reigns around us, know that a time is coming when nation will not take up sword against nation. There will be peace, God's peace. There will be no need for weapons...The Lord our God will settle disputes.

Yes, this is comforting. In this season of Advent...the Latin word *adventus* means coming.... we are looking forward to, preparing for this time when the Lord's temple will be established. We await the Second Coming of Jesus. Most important we celebrate the coming of Christ in our hearts as we accept His gift of salvation.

Prayer: *Abba, we praise you and thank you for your Good News. Father we ask that your Holy Spirit lead us in your Light, teaching us your will and way. Amen.*

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