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Your Light Has Come...And So Will The Camels!

[Isaiah 60:1-6](#)

*Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
(Isaiah 60:1)*

In a world often overshadowed by uncertainty and despair, the arrival of Christ's light offers us hope and renewal.

Just as the darkness of the night is pierced by the radiance of the morning sun, so too does the birth of Jesus illuminate our lives with the promise of redemption and salvation.

When I was young, I felt the darkness in a heavy way. Cowering underneath the blanket on my bed, I would shake until I fell asleep because I feared the secrets that were too daunting to uncover. Every shadow became a menacing creature waiting to pounce.

It was a phobia that had plagued me since I was old enough to comprehend the concept of night, a dread that clung to me like a relentless shadow itself. In this darkness, I felt as if demons haunted me, and I remember telling my dad how scared I was that Jesus couldn't get to me.

Much like my childhood fear of the night, the darkness of the world often plagues us. Without much effort, it convinces us that the world is a lost cause to the demons that haunt it.

Our faith is challenged, and many of us fear Jesus can no longer get to us under this shroud of darkness. How little is our faith in Christ, though, that we so easily forget the promise of his light?

As I sat shivering in my dad's arms with tears running down my face, he would say, "Don't you worry. Jesus can always get to you. Do you know why? Because he is within you."

Sure enough, as soon as I started praying for freedom from the horrors of the darkness in Jesus' name, my fear gradually vanished until I was no longer afraid.

Like we see in Isaiah 60, Jesus is the light that has come to eradicate darkness. That light, the glory of the Lord, is within each of us.

When we believe this, we will be radiant, our hearts will thrill and rejoice, multitudes of camels will come to us... In other words, the wealth of nations will come to us.

Prayer: God: This year, let us kindle the flame of faith in our hearts, rejoicing in the light that dispels the shadows of fear and doubt, and may we share this luminous hope with others. Amen.

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