

LONGING

Isaiah 9:1-5

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*“But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish.
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them,
light has shined.”*

The period leading up to Christmas, and the start of the Christian calendar, is often described as Advent. The word Advent means coming or arrival. It is a period of waiting: waiting with Israel for the Messiah, reading the prophecies of His coming, waiting with the world for Messiah's return, watching and praying.

These seasons in the church calendar remind us to wait well, amid our own longing for redemption. As you read this scripture, what is your response to the role of Christ's justice on earth, as it is in heaven?



What have you been longing for with great expectation?



Dear God,

We wait with expectation for the Messiah's return. Help us to remember your perspective as we pray and seek. Your work, at work, within us. Amen.