

Light Leading to Peace
Isaiah 2:4-5; Matthew 5:9; Luke 1:78-79
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I. Introduction

II. Advent series: Light

III. Peace in Isaiah's time (Is. 2:2-5)

A. Context (738-22 BC)

1. Israel is divided
2. External threats

B. Future resolution

1. "In days to come" (2:2)
2. "Arbitrate" conflicts (2:4)
3. No need for war (2:4)

C. Present action

1. Reach out to the enemy (2:5)
2. Light as God's wisdom and ways

IV. What about us? (Is. 2:5; Matt. 5:9; Lk. 1:67-79)

A. Context

B. Future resolution

1. Zechariah's prophecy (1:67)
2. Jesus is leading (1:79)

C. Present action

1. Be peacemakers (5:9)
2. Reach out to enemies
3. Walk in the light of the Lord (2:5)

D. Speaks to our deepest longings

E. Peace begins with us

V. Conclusion: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" (1955, Jill Jackson and Sy Miller)